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ANDREW MEDICHINI/AP

'SINCERE DIALOGUE': Pope Benedict XVI greets a crowd outside his former private home in Rome. The new pontiff pledged on Wednesday to work for unity among Christians and to seek "an open and sincere dialogue" with other faiths. ♦ **'Short reign'**: Benedict predicts a brief papacy | **Page 7**

Acela Going Nowhere Fast

WASHINGTON | Amtrak won't be able to run any of its high-speed Acela trains until summer because of delays in getting replacement parts to correct brake problems that were discovered last week, railroad officials said Wednesday.

Even then, they said, the return will be gradual, depending on how long it takes to get replacement parts and install them.

"This part is unique to the Acela and there is no active production line casting them," Amtrak's chief operating officer, Bill Crosbie, said. "The manufacturer has told me this will take some time."

Amtrak pulled all of its 20 Acela trains out of service on Friday after finding millimeter-size cracks in 300 of the fleet's 1,440 disc brake rotors. Each Acela train has 72 brakes. Crosbie said fewer than 70 disc brakes are available now.

Starting Monday, Metroliner trains — slower than Acela but faster than regular trains — will operate 13 of the 15 Acela round trips between New York and Washington. Between New York and Boston, regular trains will cover nine of the 11 Acela round trips, Crosbie said. DONNA DE LA CRUZ (AP)

At Least 50 Bodies In Tigris

Iraqi official says dead were abducted by Sunni militants

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Iraq's interim president announced Wednesday the recovery of more than 50 bodies from the Tigris River, saying the grisly discovery was proof of claims that dozens were abducted from an area south of the capital despite a fruitless search by Iraqi forces.

Northwest of Baghdad, witnesses said 19 bullet-riddled bodies were found slumped against a bloodstained wall in a soccer stadium in Haditha.

The discoveries came as insurgents unleashed a string of attacks that killed at least nine Iraqis and wounded 21. They included four suicide car bombs — one of which targeted interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's convoy — and a roadside explosion in the capital, police said. Allawi escaped unharmed, they said.

Interim President Jalal Talabani did not say when or where the 50 bodies were pulled from the river, but he said all had been identified as hostages.

"Terrorists committed crimes there. It is not true to say there were no hostages. There were. They were killed, and they threw the bodies into the Tigris," Talabani told reporters.

Shiite leaders and government officials claimed last week that Sunni militants had abducted as many as 100 Shiites from the Madain area, southeast of Baghdad. But when Iraqi forces moved into the town, they found no captives. ALEXANDRA ZAVIS (AP)



Talabani

PETS | **A Ducky Dog** Swedish veterinarians removed a rubber duck from a dog's stomach this past week — five years after it was swallowed, Reuters reported, citing the *Lanstidningen* newspaper. The owner of Apollo, a boxer, figured the toy had dissolved



in Apollo's stomach over the years. But when the dog began vomiting and refused to eat or drink, the errant duckie was discovered. After its removal, the duck was found to have turned black and become rock hard. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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MERCY KILLINGS

Gunning the Engine

A man with car trouble was arrested Friday after shooting five rounds into the hood of his 1994 Chrysler LeBaron. John McGivney, 64, of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Fla., opened fire on the car with a .380-caliber semiautomatic, police said. When the property manager at his apartment complex asked



what he was doing, McGivney said, "I'm putting my car out of its misery." He tucked his gun in a pocket and went back inside. McGivney said the car has been giving him trouble for years and had "outlived its usefulness." He called the shooting "dumb" and worries he will be evicted. But he doesn't regret it. "I think every guy in the universe has wanted to do it," McGivney said. "It was worth every damn minute in that jail." (AP)

FUTILITY

Yay, 'Camp Mud Pit'

Vandals drained a lake at a camp in Scott Depot, W.Va., for underprivileged children. Camp Happy Valley's caretaker, David Stover, discovered Saturday that only about 2 feet of water remained in Lake Mary Beth, which normally is

12 to 14 feet deep. A pipeline — set up between the lake and a creek in case the lake needed to be drained to fix a dam — was used to pump an estimated 250,000 gallons of water into the creek over about 10 hours, Stover said. The deluge collapsed a road that leads to a 45-foot climbing wall and a challenge course for the youngsters. (AP)



SERGEI KAPUKHIN/REUTERS

SMALLNESS

Time Flies

"Timepiece," a mechanical dragonfly by Russian artist Nikolai Syadristy and on display at a polytechnic museum in Moscow, has a clockwork head operated by two electric motors. Syadristy is known for tiny sculptures, including a 3.85-millimeter model of the Santa Maria, one of the ships used by Christopher Columbus. (EXPRESS)

VAGUENESS

Mothers Against Junk Food Driving

There's a problem with the open-container law in Fort Wayne, Ind.: Officials have discovered it bans all open containers in vehicles — not just containers of alcohol. That means an open can of soda, or even an open bag of chips, in the car is technically breaking the law and could be subject to a \$50 fine. Attorneys have brought the matter to the attention of the city council, which voted Tuesday to fix the law. The new version could get final approval next week. (AP)



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MIXING IT UP: Residents in Rockport, Mass., the site of a "revolt against rum" by 200 hatchet-wielding women in 1856, voted Tuesday to allow the sale of alcohol by restaurants (but to ban liquor stores and bars) after being alcohol-free for nearly 150 years.



Nation

In Brief

WASHINGTON Senators Seek Input From Intel Officials on Bolton

Senators considering the nomination of John R. Bolton to be U.N. ambassador sought information Wednesday from former CIA Deputy Director John McLaughlin and two current intelligence officials in their review of whether Bolton abused his authority. Unsubstantiated allegations of abusive personal behavior and possible instances of misuse of his government power derailed a key vote by a Senate committee on Bolton's nomination on Tuesday. (AP)

HARTFORD, CONN.

Gov. Signs Bill Legalizing Civil Unions for Gay Couples

Connecticut on Wednesday became the second state to offer civil unions to gay couples — and the first to do so without being forced by the courts. About an hour after the state Senate sent her the legislation, Republican Gov. M. Jodi Rell signed into law a bill that will afford same-sex couples in Connecticut many of the rights and privileges of married couples. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Bush Signs Bankruptcy Bill

President Bush signed the biggest rewrite of U.S. bankruptcy law in a quarter century on Wednesday, making it harder for debt-ridden Americans to wipe out their obligations. The law will go into effect in six months. (AP)

Moussaoui to Plead Guilty

Hearing set for plea on 9/11 charges that could result in death penalty

WASHINGTON | The only person indicted in the United States in connection with the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks plans to plead guilty to charges that could bring him the death penalty, two federal officials said Wednesday.

Zacarias Moussaoui, whose strange behavior throughout the drawn-out case raised questions about his mental competence, met Wednesday with U.S. District

Judge Leonie Brinkema. Afterward, Brinkema pronounced the French citizen fit to enter a plea to the six-count indictment and scheduled a hearing Friday in Alexandria, Va.

The mercurial Moussaoui still could change his mind, which he did once before.

But if he follows through, it will mark the latest twist in a convoluted case during which Moussaoui has fought with and insulted the judge, his own lawyers and prose-

cutors but also has had some surprising legal victories.

The government has charged Moussaoui with being part of an al Qaeda conspiracy to commit terrorism that included the 2001 attacks.

Moussaoui's sentence would be determined in a separate legal proceeding that would follow any plea. Federal prosecutors plan to pursue the death penalty at that time, a government official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the judge has ordered both sides not to discuss the case publicly. MARK SHERMAN (AP)



Moussaoui

NASA Pushes Shuttle Launch Back by a Week

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. | NASA pushed back next month's launch of Discovery by a full week, saying Wednesday it needs more time to complete testing and engineering work for the first space shuttle flight since the Columbia disaster. The new launch date is May 22.

NASA had been hoping to send Discovery on a mission to the international space station on May 15.

But a critical design review of the revamped shuttle was not held until this week, and all the information needs to be submitted to the task force overseeing the space agency's return-to-flight effort. (AP)

NEW JERSEY | SCALY SURVIVOR



GENTLE TOUCH: Firefighters cheerfully carry an albino python, measuring about 15 feet long, out of the remains of a fire in Hamilton, N.J., on Wednesday. The snake survived the fire that destroyed an industrial plant.

DeLay May Go Before Committee

GOP offers ethics probe to end stalemate, but Democrats refuse

WASHINGTON | The Republican chairman of the House ethics committee offered on Wednesday to begin an investigation of Majority Leader Tom DeLay to end a stalemate that has kept the panel from functioning this year.

Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., made the proposal at a news conference flanked by other Republicans on the ethics panel.


Senior committee Democrat Alan Mollohan of West Virginia quickly rejected the offer, saying his party would continue blocking the panel from operating unless investigative rules imposed by the GOP were changed.

DeLay has offered to appear before the committee to defend himself against allegations of misconduct, including his travel with a lobbyist whose clients may have paid for his foreign travel on several occasions. LARRY MARGASAK (AP)



DeLay

DeLay under fire: A Congressional Quarterly reporter takes questions at 1 p.m. | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://www.washingtonpost.com/liveonline)



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SUMMARY JUDGEMENT: A potential juror was cited for contempt and fined \$1,000 by a Los Angeles judge after yawning loudly during jury selection earlier this month. "I'm sorry, but I'm really bored," the juror explained when the judge commented on the yawn. The fine was later reduced to \$100 and paid.

Inflation Rises as Prices Increase

Government reports uptick in health care, clothing, travel costs

WASHINGTON | It isn't just gasoline prices that are pinching U.S. consumers' wallets. The cost of health care, clothing, hotel rooms and airline travel all jumped last month, pushing the core inflation rate up at the fastest pace in 2 1/2 years.

The Labor Department reported Wednesday that its closely watched Consumer Price Index increased by 0.6 percent in March, the biggest rise since October.

Even more worrisome, prices excluding the volatile energy and food categories rose by 0.4 percent last month, the biggest one-month increase for core inflation since August 2002.

Underscoring that inflation pressures are mounting, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday in its latest survey of business conditions in the Fed's 12 regions that "price pressures have intensified in a num-

ber of districts and most report that high or rising energy prices are a concern across sectors."

"The Fed is caught," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York. "The Fed would like to keep interest rates low to keep the economy moving, but on the other hand they have to fight against inflation."

Wyss and other analysts said the Fed probably would continue to raise rates by one quarter of a percentage point at its upcoming meetings, though a one-half point jump could happen if energy-driven inflation worsened.

For March, energy costs shot up 4 percent, the biggest one-month gain since a similar rise in October. Gasoline prices are expected to remain above \$2 per gallon through the summer driving season.

Clothing costs jumped 0.8 percent in March, the biggest one-month gain in 12 months. Hotel room prices rose a record 3.9 percent. MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

Sen. Jeffords Won't Seek New Term

SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT. | Sen. Jim Jeffords, who single-handedly upset the balance of power on Capitol Hill four years ago when he quit the GOP to become an independent, announced Wednesday he will retire at the end of his term next year, citing his own health problems and those of his wife.

The surprise announcement immediately triggered a scramble for Jeffords' seat, one of several that

will be up for grabs in next year's midterm elections.

In recent months, Jeffords' family and his staff questioned whether the 70-year-old senator was physically and mentally up to a statewide campaign for a fourth term. His



Jeffords

wife, Liz, is battling cancer.

Jeffords' retirement will bring an end to a three-decade career in Washington. He won election to the House in 1974 as a Republican, and moved to the Senate in 1988.

In 2001, he abandoned the GOP and aligned himself with the Democrats, putting them in control of the Senate. The switch made him a hero among Democrats and a traitor among Republicans. (AP)

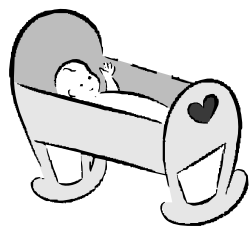
COLUMBINE SHOOTINGS | REMEMBERING THOSE LOST



SIX YEARS LATER: Todd Ponton hammers crosses into the ground near Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., on Wednesday to honor the 12 students and one teacher killed at the school six years ago in a deadly shooting rampage.

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Many See Virgin Mary in Salt Stain

CHICAGO | A steady stream of the faithful and the curious, many carrying flowers and candles, have flocked to an expressway underpass for a view of a yellow and white stain on a concrete wall that some believe is an image of the Virgin Mary.

Police have patrolled the area under the Kennedy Expressway since Monday as hundreds of people have walked down to see the image and the growing memorial of flowers and candles around it.

The stain is likely the result of salt run-off, according to the Illinois Department of



Hundreds have come to see the image on the wall of a Chicago Expressway.

Transportation.

Worldwide, people have been drawn to images believed to resemble the Virgin Mary.

Among the best-known in the United States was an image seen in office windows in Clearwater, Fla. Within weeks, a half million people had been to the site. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Returning to its tradition of finding a place in college for all qualified residents, the University of California has accepted a record 50,000 in-state freshmen for the fall semester. The numbers represent a 10 percent increase over last year, when state budget cuts forced the rejection of some student applicants by the 10-campus system. (AP)

HEARSAY | BIG BYTES

"We wanted to go down there and give a randomly generated talk."

—MIT STUDENT JEREMY STRIBLING
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Today in The Washington Post

Punch to the Pack: The male in a much-studied family of Alaska wolves is killed by a hunter after leaving a national park. | *A Section*

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PORK IN THE ROAD: An Essex, England, man driving with his window down had his nose broken by a lobbed frozen sausage, an ambu-



lance official said Monday. "It must have been an incredibly lucky, or unlucky, shot to get the sausage through a moving car window," the official said.

World

Pope Highlights Diversity, Tradition

Benedict XVI pledges to rally Catholics, reach out to other religions

VATICAN CITY | Charting a papacy in the tradition of his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI pledged Wednesday to work for unity among Christians and to seek "an open and sincere dialogue" with other faiths.

In his first Mass as pontiff, Benedict invoked the words of John Paul II — "Be not afraid" — a message designed to show he is intent on following the groundbreaking path of the late pope.

Benedict, the former Cardinal

Joseph Ratzinger, said his primary task would be to try to reunify all Christians and stressed that sentiment alone was not enough. "Concrete acts that enter souls and move consciences are needed," he said.

The 78-year-old pontiff said he wanted to continue "an open and sincere dialogue" with other religions and would do everything in his power to improve the ecumenical cause.

But Benedict has been one of the most forceful Vatican voices for Catholic missionary work and other forms of evangelization. He was the intellectual drive behind the 2000 document "Dominus Iesus," which outlined the Catholic Church as an exclusive road to salvation and angered Protestants, Jews, Muslims and other non-Christians.

Given John Paul's tireless traveling to promote both Catholicism and interfaith dialogue, Benedict's impact will depend on his health, vigor and the ability of a relatively shy man to captivate crowds.

Benedict has promised to attend World Youth Day in August in Cologne, which should be a crucial homecoming. TONY CZUCZKA (AP)



The new pope greets a crowd Wednesday outside his residence at the Vatican.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? CATHOLIC BENEDICTS

Pope Benedict XVI said Tuesday that he admired Benedict XV, who sought to defuse World War I during his 1914-1922 papacy. Other Benedicts:

- **St. Benedict of Nursia**, a monk who lived during the 5th and 6th centuries and wrote on monastic law. Named patron saint of Europe in the 1960s.
- **Benedict XIV**, who reigned from

1740-1758 and was known for cautious openness toward the discoveries of the Enlightenment.

- **Benedict Joseph Labre**, an 18th-century saint. His feast day is April 16, Benedict XVI's birthday.



CEREMONIAL OPENING: Newly elected Pope Benedict XVI celebrates his first mass as pontiff in the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City on Wednesday. He paid tribute to the teachings of Pope John Paul II and pledged to seek common ground with other faiths.

Benedict's Age, Health Prompt Concern

VATICAN CITY | Pope Benedict XVI predicted a "short reign" in comments to cardinals just after his election, and his brother said Wednesday he was worried about the stress the job would put on the 78-year-old pontiff.

Joseph Ratzinger has had ailments in the past, including a 1991 hemorrhagic stroke, that raise questions about how long his papacy will

last — and whether the world will watch another pope slowly succumb to age and ailments on a very public stage. Benedict was the oldest pontiff elected in 275 years.

German prelates have expressed concern about Ratzinger's health. One young priest from Cologne, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press in Rome that Benedict has trouble sleeping

and has a "delicate constitution." The pope's brother expressed a similar concern in a television interview.

The Vatican refused to comment Wednesday on Benedict's health, citing his privacy.

Several cardinals, however, acknowledged that Benedict's term will be marked in years, not decades.

NICOLE WINFIELD (AP)

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World



MATZO MEALS: Gorillas and other animals at a zoo near Tel Aviv, Israel, will be observing Passover along with zookeepers, who cannot touch bread-related items during the week-long holiday. Instead of bread with cream cheese, the animals will be fed cracker-like matzo.

Italy's PM Resigns, Plans New Cabinet

Berlusconi vows to form stronger ruling coalition

ROME | Silvio Berlusconi, faced with mounting criticism over Italy's sluggish economy and its involvement in Iraq, resigned Wednesday as premier but vowed to quickly form a stronger new Cabinet to restore confidence in his leadership.

Resigning and then immediately shuffling the Cabinet is an old trick of Italy's complicated political system and has been used by premiers to strengthen faltering coalitions.

Berlusconi, who had presided over Italy's longest-serving govern-

ment since World War II, had so far resisted the move, sensing it would dent his image as a new-style politician. On Wednesday, he suggested he would have preferred not to resign.

"One can't always get what one wants," he said, acknowledging the end of his ambition of heading Italy's first postwar government to serve an entire five-year term.

But the resignation, which he submitted to the president, is expected to enable Berlusconi to form a more solid Cabinet after weeks of infigh-

ing within his coalition, triggered by an embarrassing defeat in the April 3-4 regional elections.

Berlusconi said all his coalition allies have "renewed their trust" in him and demanded that he form a new Cabinet.

"I accept this challenge," he told the Senate.

It is formally up to President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi to designate a candidate to assemble a new government, or dissolve parliament and call early elections. Ciampi, who begins formal political consultations Thursday, is expected to give



Italian PM Silvio Berlusconi leaves the Senate building in Rome Wednesday.

Berlusconi the mandate to form a new Cabinet. ALESSANDRA RIZZO (AP)

In Brief

RUSSIA

Rice Clarifies U.S., Russian Roles in Ex-Soviet Republics

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday that the United States does not seek to rob Russia of its traditional influence in former Soviet republics. Concerns about American intentions have accelerated in Russia following the establishment of pro-Western governments in Georgia and Ukraine and the expansion of the U.S. military presence in Central Asia. (AP)

CANADA

Cannabis-Based Painkiller Approved to Fight MS

Canada has become the first country in the world to approve a cannabis-based painkiller for patients suffering multiple sclerosis. Health Canada announced on Tuesday it had approved the prescription painkiller Sativex, made from components derived from the cannabis plant that have been shown to ease pain. (AP)

LEBANON

3 Wounded in Bomb Attack

A bomb exploded in a street-side cafeteria known as a hangout for low-income laborers, wounding at least three people, including two Syrians, witnesses said. Speaking on condition of anonymity, police said the bomb was thrown from a car in the neighborhood of Cola — long a center for Syrian laborers seeking daily jobs along with Lebanese workers. (AP)

Child Dies After Airplane Skids Off Runway in Iran

TEHRAN, IRAN | An Iranian airlines Boeing 707 carrying 157 passengers skidded off a runway at Tehran's airport and caught fire Wednesday, killing a child and injuring several other people, state-run television reported.

The station had initially reported 50 dead in the crash of the Saha Airlines plane, then saying scores were killed before downgrading the toll to one.

Television reports said the landing gear of the jetliner failed to open and the plane caught fire after making a hard landing, its nose and wing slamming into the runway.

Reports said part of the plane's fuselage plunged into a river but



Rescue workers evacuate an injured woman in Tehran, Iran, on Wednesday.

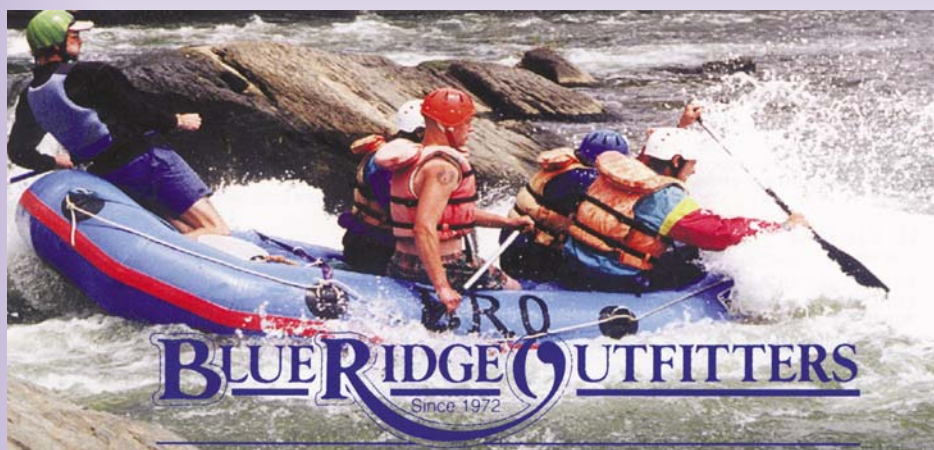
passengers were able to jump out of the craft. The injured, many of whom suffered broken bones, have been taken to Tehran hospitals for treatment, the report said. (AP)

SOUTH KOREA | CIRCUS MAXIMUS



DINING IN: An elephant rampages through a restaurant in Seoul on Wednesday, one of six that escaped their enclosures at an amusement park and stormed through the city. The six were all eventually safely herded home.

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World

Ecuador's President Ousted

Lawmakers remove Lucio Gutierrez after days of violent protests

QUITO, ECUADOR | Lawmakers in Ecuador voted Wednesday to remove embattled President Lucio Gutierrez from office after a week of escalating street protests demanding his ouster, and they swore in Vice President Alfredo Palacio to replace him.

An unidentified army official in combat gear said on television that Gutierrez and his wife, Congresswoman Ximena Bohorquez, had left the presidential palace. An Associated Press photographer saw a small helicopter land briefly on the palace roof and a figure climb aboard. Panama's Ambassador Mateo Castillero denied reports that Gutierrez had sought political asylum in Panama.

Anti-Gutierrez protests have been building for a week and late Tuesday night 30,000 demon-



DAMAGE CONTROL: Bodyguards assist Ecuadoran Congressman Miguel Lopez after he was attacked Wednesday by protesters opposed to President Lucio Gutierrez.

strators marched on the palace, demanding Gutierrez's ouster. The protests grew violent in recent days, with demonstrators shooting at and looting government buildings.

Gutierrez was elected president in

November 2002 on a populist, anti-corruption platform. But his left-leaning constituency soon fell apart after he instituted austerity measures to satisfy international lenders.

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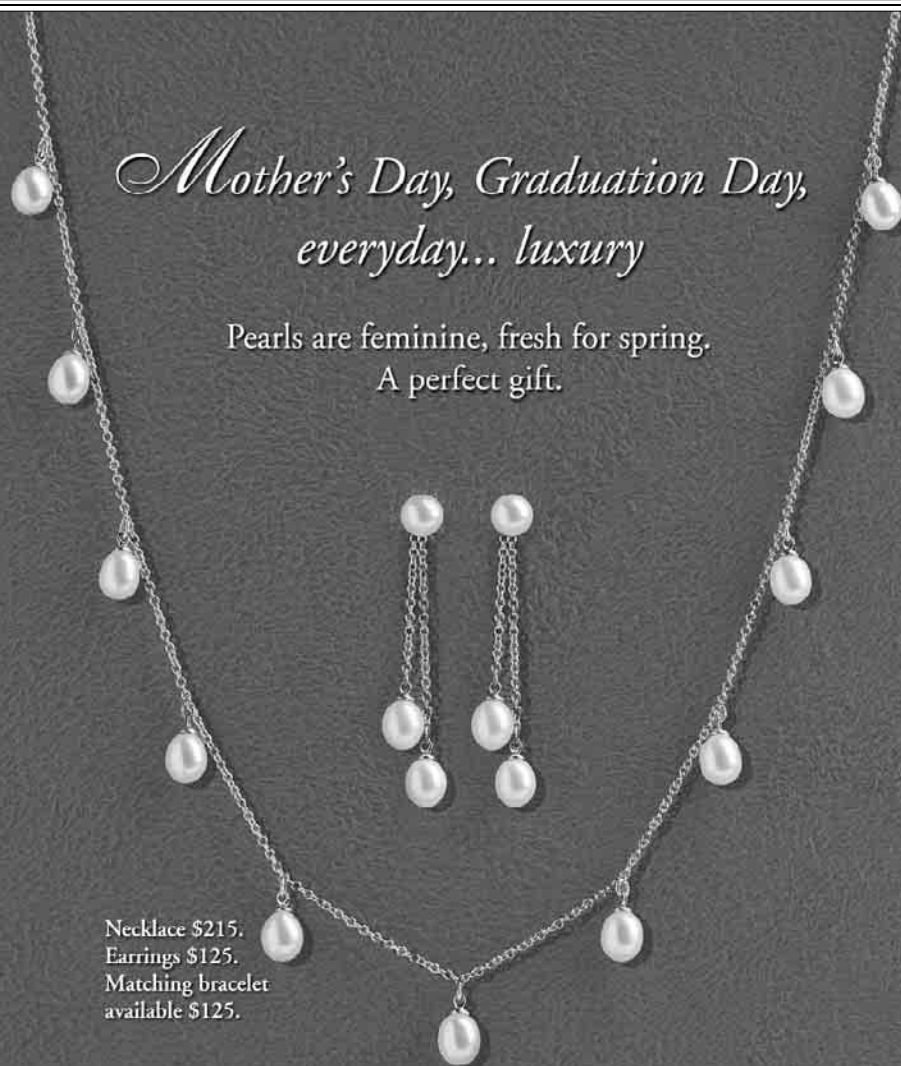
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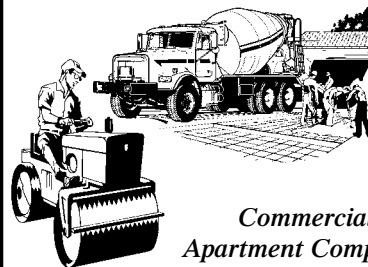
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Money

NYSE to Buy Top Electronic Trader

Merger will turn Big Board into publicly traded, for-profit group

NEW YORK | The 213-year-old New York Stock Exchange vaulted into the top ranks of electronic stock trading Wednesday, announcing a merger with all-electronic rival Archipelago Holdings Inc. in a stunning move that will also transform the NYSE into a for-profit, publicly traded enterprise.

The deal answers one of the pressing needs facing the NYSE, which has battled increasing competition from faster all-electronic exchanges like the Nasdaq Stock Market as well as Archipelago. The NYSE conducts its transactions through a specialist auction system, in which trades are made through people on its selling floor.

The NYSE's 1,366 seat holders,

its current owners, will receive \$400 million in cash and 70 percent of the shares in the new company, while Archipelago's shareholders will retain 30 percent of the shares, NYSE Chief Executive John Thain said at a news conference.

Using the its latest seat sale — \$1.62 million — as a guide, the NYSE is roughly valued at \$2.2 billion. Archipelago is valued at \$844 million using Friday's closing stock price.

The new entity, a holding company to be called NYSE Group Inc., will spin off the NYSE's regulatory arm — recently invigorated after coming under intense criticism for failing to stem a floor-trading scandal — into a not-for-profit oversight entity. That part of the deal answers the demands of some NYSE members who have been agitating for the exchange to turn for-profit in order to better compete as a business. MICHAEL J. MARTINEZ (AP)

US Airways, America West Talk Merger

MONTGOMERY, ALA. | US Airways Group Inc. and America West are in advanced discussions to merge and create a national low-cost airline that would better compete with discount rivals and complement each

other geographically, US Airways' chairman said.

Bankrupt US Airways has discussed a merger with several rival carriers, but negotiations with America West have progressed the

furthest, Chairman David Bronner said late Tuesday.

America West chief executive Douglas Parker refused to comment on discussions with US Airways. But in a call with analysts Wednesday, Parker said he believes airline consolidation is "inevitable." (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ChmpE	9.52	+1.12	+13.3
StJude s	39.67	+3.41	+9.4
Imation	35.49	+2.71	+8.3
CIT Gp	39.63	+2.73	+7.4
RemOG	30.21	+1.58	+5.5

Losers

Avaya	8.01	-2.68	-25.1
PiperJaf	26.90	-8.99	-25.0
BuckTch	8.66	-1.98	-18.6
AmbacF	62.20	-12.41	-16.6
SmrtFn	10.21	-1.89	-15.6

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
UnivDisp	7.76	+1.85	+31.3
Alfacell n	2.30	+.49	+27.1
ConsMerc	4.39	+.79	+21.9
AlignTech	8.36	+1.41	+20.3
Catuity rs	4.70	+.65	+16.0

Losers

MIPS Tech	6.89	-2.56	-27.1
Osteotch	2.79	-.42	-13.1
NVE Corp	14.85	-2.19	-12.8
SBS Tech	9.12	-1.31	-12.6
EltekLtd	2.60	-.35	-11.9

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.75	5.75
Fed Funds close	2.75	2.75
3-month	2.81	2.71
2-year	3.49	3.66
10-year	4.19	4.37
30-year	4.55	4.68

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5211	.5213	.5579
Canadian Dollar	1.2395	1.2414	1.3541
European Euro	.7642	.7662	.8397
Japanese Yen	106.82	106.90	108.38
Mexican Peso	11.0630	11.0730	11.3130
Taiwanese Dollar	31.47	31.51	32.94

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-115.05	-18.60	-15.28
-1.14	-0.96	-1.33
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Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ABN Amro	24.47	-.41	-8.0
BcBiVArg	15.73	-.13	-11.3
BcoSnCH	11.75	-.09	-5.0
BkofAm s	44.23	-.70	-5.9
Barclay	42.21	-.80	-7.6
CredSuisse	42.72	-.79	+1.3
DeutschBk	82.61	-.92	-7.2
HSBC	78.65	-.81	-7.6
JPMorgCh	34.76	-.19	-10.9
LloydTSB	35.23	-.41	-4.2
MitsuTkyo	8.50	-.05	-16.8
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Local



BRIGHT SPOTS: Northern Virginia got an "A" and the District got a "B" when it comes to support for traffic signal timing, according to a new, self-graded report. Maryland got a "D+"; the nation's overall grade was "D-".

Girl's Funeral Plans Set

Investigators continue to seek clues in fatal bus crash in Arlington

ARLINGTON, VA. | As investigators continued sifting for clues in the crash of a school bus, funeral plans were announced Wednesday for a 9-year-old girl who was killed in the crash.

Lilibeth Gomez will be remembered at a wake on Thursday in Arlington, followed by a funeral Mass Friday in Washington. She died Monday when her bus collided with a trash truck — a wreck that left two other students and both drivers seriously injured.

In a letter sent home with stu-

dents Wednesday, Hoffman-Boston Elementary School Principal Yvonne Dangerfield told parents that classmates were welcome to join the family as they celebrated the life of their daughter.

"Although Tuesday and today were challenging, the days have gone extremely well," Dangerfield also wrote.

Meanwhile, investigators spent another day at an equipment yard in Arlington scouring the wreckage of Monday's crash in hopes of finding some clues. Arlington County police are leading the investigation and are being assisted by Virginia State Police. The National Transportation Safety Board is conducting a separate investigation. (AP)

NEW SCHOOL BUS CRASH Brakes faulty, driver has suspended license:

INVESTIGATORS said the brakes were faulty on a school bus that crashed Wednesday, and the driver should not have been behind the wheel. None of the 34 students on the bus headed to the Islamic Saudi Academy, a private school in Alexandria, was injured. Alexandria police said a suspension of the operator's driver's license went into effect just hours before the accident. Abdelrazeg Abdallah was charged with driving on a suspended license. He was also charged with reckless driving. (AP)

RICHMOND | FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH



TWO COOL: University of Richmond students Frankie Hazera, left, and Dane Deciero cool off in a fountain on campus on a 90-degree Wednesday.

Road Debate Gets HOT

WASHINGTON | A debate over HOT lanes became heated at Wednesday's Transportation Planning Board meeting.

The board added its support to a plan that would expand part of the Capitol Beltway in Virginia to as many as 12 lanes. But that came only after members argued over where the toll profits — if any — should go.

The HOT lanes would run from the Springfield Interchange to Georgetown Pike.

During Wednesday's debate, 10 board members, led by board chairman Phil Mendelson, wanted to add language directing that any profits from the proposed lanes go for public transit.

Jo Anne Sorenson, representing VDOT, opposed the change — saying the committee worked hard on the exact wording to give them flexibility to build roads instead.

Mendelson's amendment failed 14-10 with nearly all Maryland members opposed. (AP)

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Hot Five	23-17-30-7-26

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Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	4-1-7
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-7-5-5
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	8-6-9-7
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	2-12-15-21-31
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	3-16-17-30-31

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BUNCH OF SAPPs: Warren Sapp may not be as fan-friendly as once thought. Kincaid Auction Co., of Florida plans to



sell a 5-pound unopened box of fan mail sent to the former Tampa Bay Buccaneers star and current Oakland Raiders star defensive lineman.

Sports

Redskins Open to Draft Day Options

Team eager to complete trades for more picks

REDSKINS | One day after saying they would not consider making a trade to move up in the draft order on Saturday, the Washington Redskins reversed course today and said basically that anything is possible.

Yesterday, Vinny Cerrato, the Redskins' vice president of football operations, said the team was "looking to acquire picks rather than give them up. We're looking at adding a number of players and

not just one guy."

But all that changed at a news conference Wednesday when owner Daniel Snyder was asked if the Redskins would consider trading their two first-round picks for a higher pick to grab Michigan wide receiver Braylon Edwards.

"Absolutely," Snyder said.

The Redskins acquired the Denver Broncos' first-round pick this season in exchange for their

first- and fourth-round picks next season and their third-round pick this season. The Redskins defended the trade by saying that the draft is very deep at positions where Washington needs immediate help.

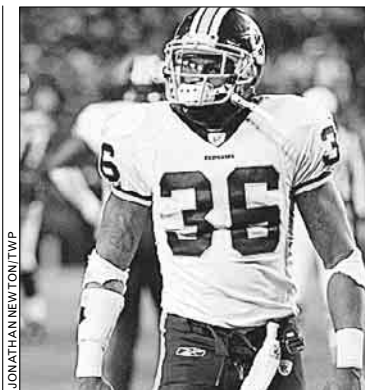
Gibbs confirmed an ESPN report that he went to Auburn yesterday but would not give any details about the purpose of the trip. ESPN reported the Redskins will use the 25th pick to acquire Auburn quarterback Jason Campbell.

Gibbs did not identify the Auburn players that interest the team but said the speculation about drafting a quarterback would not hurt Patrick Ramsey, who has been named next season's starter.

"The good thing about Patrick Ramsey is that he knows where he stands with us," Gibbs said.

JASON LA CANFORA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Jason La Canfora: Discuss the Redskins and the NFL draft at 11 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline



Sean Taylor has been absent at the Redskins' voluntary workouts.

Nats Put Another Pitcher on the DL

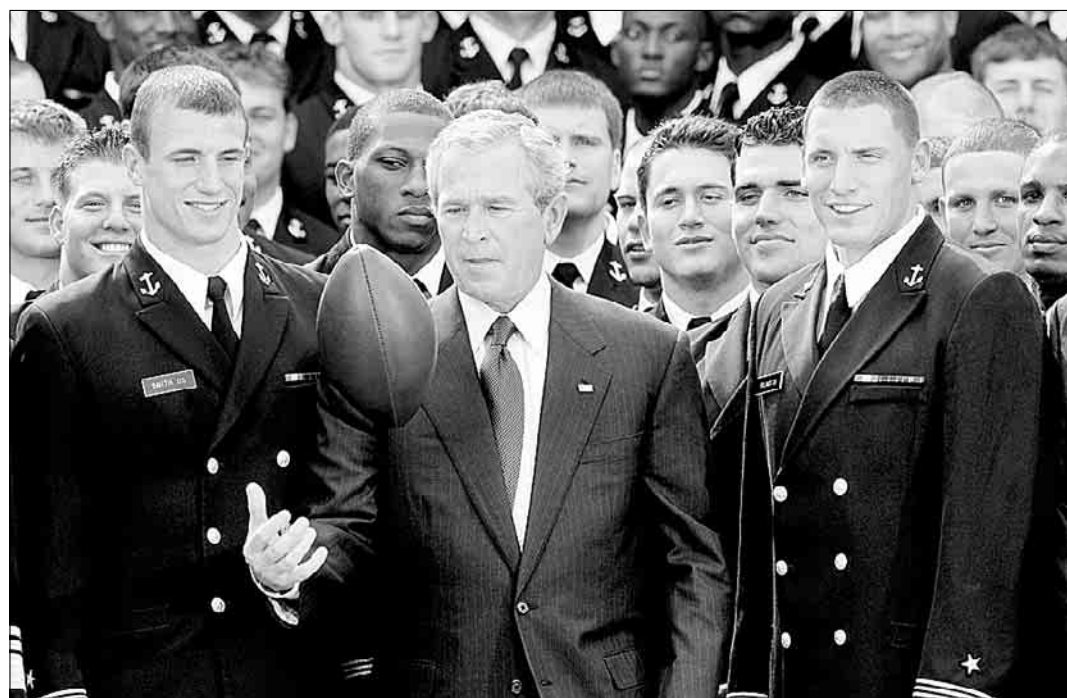
NATIONALS | The Washington Nationals put right-hander T.J. Tucker on the 15-day disabled list with a strained right groin Wednesday and purchased right-hander Hector Carrasco's contract from Triple-A New Orleans.

Tucker is the team's second reliever to be sidelined this week. On Monday, Antonio Osuna (strained right shoulder) went on the DL.

Tucker, who hadn't allowed a run in 5 1/3 innings this season, hurt himself while throwing a pitch against Florida on Tuesday night.

Carrasco, 35, threw eight scoreless innings in six appearances for New Orleans. He hasn't pitched in the majors since 2003; he played in Japan last season. (AP)

NAVY FOOTBALL | COMMANDERS IN CHIEF



RETURN VISIT: President Bush tosses a football into the air after presenting the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for the second straight year to the Naval Academy football team Wednesday for having the best record of the service academies.

Late game: The Nats-Braves game ended after Express' deadline. For results | washingtonpost.com/sports

Portis in Defense Of Taylor

Redskins star back says safety needs time away from football

REDSKINS | Running back Clinton Portis says his good friend Sean Taylor is boycotting the Washington Redskins' offseason program because of a need for "time away from football" after a difficult rookie season.

Portis said he saw Taylor at a charity picnic in Florida over the weekend.

"Going through all the bad pub that he took, you just need time away from football," Portis said Wednesday.

Taylor and receiver Santana Moss are the only two unexcused absentees from the offseason workouts, a snub that has upset coach Joe Gibbs. Both players want new contracts.

Gibbs has heard from Moss but Taylor hasn't returned any of the coach's phone calls. Portis, Taylor and Moss played for the University of Miami Hurricanes.

Portis downplayed the significance of the workouts and said he was attending only because he wants to assume a leadership role among his teammates. "Nothing happens today ain't going to affect July, August, September," Portis said. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



Portis

In Brief

BASEBALL

No Punishment for Sheffield
Yankees outfielder Gary Sheffield won't be punished for his role in a scuffle with fans at Fenway Park last week. Bob Watson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline, made the decision Wednesday, a day after meeting with Sheffield and the right fielder's agent at Yankee Stadium. "It just proves

that I was right," Sheffield said. "I'm just glad I was an example of how to handle a situation without making it worse." (AP)

DOPING

Rangers' Montero Suspended
Texas Rangers minor league pitcher Agustin Montero was suspended for 10 days Wednesday, becoming the third player to test positive under major league baseball's new steroids policy. Montero, who has never appeared in a major league game, failed the drug test while he

was on the Rangers' 40-man roster during spring training. (AP)

FOOTBALL

Buchanon Sent to Houston

The Raiders traded disgruntled cornerback Phillip Buchanon to the Houston Texans for a second-round and third-round pick in this weekend's NFL draft Tuesday, nearly four months after he publicly ridiculed the franchise with no warning leading into the final game. Texans general manager Charley Casserly confirmed the deal Wednesday. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

BASEBALL (1 P.M. ON TBS) John Smoltz and John Patterson duel in the second and final game of the series between the Atlanta Braves and Washington Nationals.

BASEBALL (1 P.M. ON ESPN) Ryan Dempster pitches for the Chicago Cubs, who visit Chris Carpenter and the St. Louis Cardinals.

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Sports

NHL Season Faces New Delays Without Accord

HOCKEY | The National Hockey League won't start next season on time if a new collective bargaining agreement hasn't been reached with the players' association.

Commissioner Gary Bettman said Wednesday he is committed to playing ice hockey in the fall, but a deal must be in place before then.

"We will continue to plan for the start of next season with an on-time opening in October, that is where our efforts will be," Bettman said after a four-hour meeting with the league's board of governors. "If we do not have a new collective bargaining agreement, we will not open the season on time."

"If that is an eventuality at that juncture, we will have to start again



Caps owner Ted Leonsis heads into the board meeting on Wednesday.

on what options we will pursue."

The idea of replacement players was discussed as an option should the lockout continue, but that possibility has apparently lost steam.

IRA PODELL (AP)

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"If they qualify for the tournament ... then it's fine. But just to keep giving invites away is probably not the right thing."

—Retief Goosen, who is against women getting exemptions to play at men's golf events.

Sports

In a Close Call, Singh Joins Hall

GOLF | Vijay Singh's arduous journey from Fiji reached another unimaginable destination Wednesday when he was elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame with the lowest percentage of votes and help from a clause in criteria.

Singh, who has 25 career PGA victories including three majors, was the only player elected from the PGA Tour ballot, receiving 56 percent of the vote. He was ranked No. 1 in the world last year.

Players from the PGA Tour and International ballot require 65 percent of the vote for election.

Hall of Fame officials two years



Singh's 25 wins were good enough to get 56 percent of the Hall of Fame vote.

ago added a stipulation that if no one gets 65 percent, the players with the most votes will be elected provided he is on at least 50 percent of the ballots. (AP)

Rogge Outlaws Bidding War

IOC president tries to prevent corruption in race to host 2012 games

OLYMPICS | Determined to avoid a return to the abuses and corruption of the past, IOC president Jacques Rogge warned the five cities vying for the 2012 Olympics to obey ethics rules and stay out of a "bidding war."

Rogge chided New York and London on Wednesday for unveiling incentives in a late push for votes without clearing them first with the International Olympic

Committee. He said the IOC could order the cities to withdraw the offers if they weren't included in the official bid documents submitted in November.

The IOC ethics commission opened an inquiry Tuesday into whether New York and London broke bidding rules by promising financial, promotional and marketing benefits to international sports federations, athletes and national



Rogge

Olympic committees.

The proposals were announced this week during a major Olympic gathering in Berlin, the last big chance for bid cities to make pitches in the final stretch of the campaign.

London and New York are competing against Paris, Madrid and Moscow. The IOC will select the host city on July 6 in Singapore.

"We do not want a kind of bidding war in the last days by the candidate cities to say, 'I promise you that,' and the next day, 'I promise you that,'" Rogge said.

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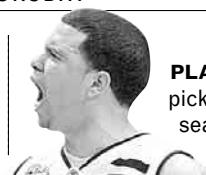
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Sports



PLAYING THE LOTTERY: With hopes of being a lottery pick, junior point guard Deron Williams will skip his senior season at Illinois and enter the NBA draft.

Williams' Time Is Coming

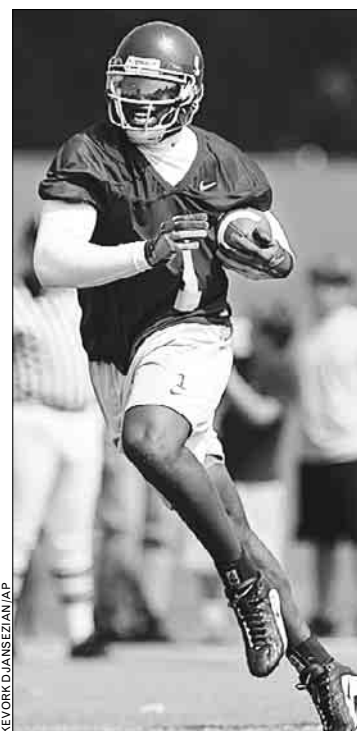
Former USC receiver set to be top 10 pick after year off football

NFL DRAFT | A year later than originally hoped, Mike Williams finally gets a shot at NFL stardom and the big bucks that go with it.

Williams was a two-time loser in 2004, first in his attempt to become eligible for the draft a year earlier than NFL rules allow, then in an effort to play his junior season at Southern California.

Despite having not played a game in over 15 ½ months, his stock has risen to the point where he seems a lock to be picked among the top 10 in Saturday's draft.

The Minnesota Vikings, choosing seventh, are a possible destination should Williams be available. After trading Randy Moss to Oakland, they have a need at wide receiver.



Mike Williams is likely to be the second wide receiver chosen in the NFL draft.

"I don't know where he's going to fit in the draft. There's a lot of people who need a guy who can score touchdowns like he can," USC coach Pete Carroll said of Williams, a 6-foot-4 ½, 232-pounder with exceptional hands and route-running ability.

Carroll said he doesn't believe the fact Williams sat out last season will affect his status.

"If Mike had broken an arm or something, it might have been construed differently," Carroll said. "He's going to make a tremendous draft pick."

That seems to be the prevailing sentiment. ESPN's Mel Kiper rates Williams No. 1 overall in the draft.

"I love him as a prospect," Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden said. "He's a huge target and he's got a flair about playmaking. The guy dominated the Pac-10 as a true freshman and sophomore. This guy's a freak, physically." JOHN NADEL (AP)



Maurice Clarett's off-field problems and slow running times have hurt his status.

Clarett Saga Plays Out

Embattled back likely to be chosen late in draft

NFL DRAFT | Maurice Clarett's long, strange trip to the NFL is nearing its end. Maybe.

It's been more than two years since Clarett was a star running back who scored the touchdown that gave Ohio State its first national title in 34 years.

Then came legal troubles,

NCAA violations and a failed lawsuit against the NFL.

A player once spoken of with the kind of awe reserved for a young talent like LeBron James had become synonymous with controversy and

poor character.

Now, Clarett is saying and doing all the right things — enough, perhaps, for a team to select him in this weekend's NFL draft.

"He's definitely a second-day pick," said Gil Brandt, the NFL's draft consultant. "He's really tried to turn his life around."

Clarett, who did not respond to an interview request, showed the first sign of taking responsibility for his actions during an interview at the NFL combine.

"When I looked at myself, sometimes I kind of looked like a joke to myself," he said. "I guess it was a part of growing up and becoming who I am today. I did do some things I shouldn't have done."

Agent Steve Feldman said his client's image as an arrogant kid who was going to sue his way into the NFL is gone.

He thinks any of 32 teams could draft him this weekend.

"He just wants a job. He wants to prove that he has first-round talent," Feldman said. JOE MILICIA (AP)



Sack happy: Former Maryland star defender Shawn Merriman is going to be a very high draft pick because of his combination of size and speed | **Today's Post, Sports**

AND YOU ARE? Remember Ed Burns, cute actor guy, directed a bunch of movies with forgettable titles about being cute and Irish or something? No? Well, he's at it again, planning to write, direct and star in the "The Groomsman" with a hip ensemble cast.



Entertainment



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VIDEO GAMES | If the return of major league baseball hasn't already satisfied your hardball fix, three new video games may offer some help.

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"MLB 2K5," for PlayStation 2 and Xbox, takes the 2K series a step forward with beautifully rendered stadiums and the most outstanding play-by-play of any sports game to date. Fantastic use of ESPN's graphic overlays, pitch-by-pitch replays and K-Zone analysis make up part of "MLB 2K5's" slick presentation package.

Graphically, "MLB 2K5" is a mixed bag. The stadiums are gorgeous, with detail and vibrant color.

But the animations are seriously lacking. Players appear stiff and awkward; poor ball physics and a lack of hit variety also detract from the overall package.

The stadiums and presentation in EA Sports' "MVP 2005," for PS2,

GameCube, Xbox and PC, are drab compared to "MLB 2K5." But no other baseball game offers as many eye-popping animations. As a result, its game play is unparalleled.

EA's major innovation is the Owner mode. It gives you the option to build stadiums with funds generated from media contracts, ticket sales, concession sales and merchandise sales, putting the player in the driver's seat of a major-league franchise.

This year's most pleasant surprise, however, is 989's reinvented "MLB 2006," a PS2 exclusive.

The pitching and hitting interfaces have been improved. The pitching upgrades are balanced nicely with a pitch guessing system. But where "MLB 2006" stands out from the pack is in its new Career Mode. Like a role-playing game, you play from the player's perspective, controlling their destiny from the minor leagues to (hopefully) a Hall of Fame career in the majors.

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In this battle of sluggers, "MVP 2005" beats some stiff competition by offering the most authentic and immersive baseball experience this year for just \$30. JIM SCOTT (AP)

Young Love Confidential

Anna Nalick's debut album proves she's wise beyond her years

NEW FACES | More than a year in the making, the bravely emotional "Wreck of the Day" by newcomer Anna Nalick hit stores yesterday.

The 21-year-old has steadily toured since the album's completion, holding her own alongside such artists as Gavin DeGraw and labelmate Ari Hest with a resonant voice and lyrics wise beyond her years.

"For me, music has diminished the intimidation factor in meeting anybody," Nalick said. "I've learned that anybody really is approachable because we've all experienced falling in love and love gone bad."

Nalick had written eight of



FACING THE MUSIC: The Californian's first single has already made a splash.

the 11 tracks on the album before signing to Columbia. She partnered with production duo Christopher Thorn and Brad Smith — founding members of Blind Melon — and

Tori Amos producer Eric Rosse to take the tracks from conception to reality.

When she listens to the record now, Nalick said, "it might as well be in my head still, because it sounds exactly like what I imagined."

The singer has already built a film and TV presence: Her single "Breathe (2 A.M.)" was featured in a recent episode of CBS' "Joan of Arcadia." The track can also be heard in the romantic comedy "A Lot Like Love," which opens tomorrow.

Nalick has drawn comparisons to artists ranging from Fiona Apple to Paul Simon, and that's fine with her. "I've never been compared to anyone I don't like," she said. "I'm a new artist and people need a way to explain my music to other people."

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Entertainment



OUCH: Poor fans of "Tru Calling," if there are any left. The Fox show was pulled, reinstated on the network's schedule and now is being axed for good. Fox will replace the finale with an episode of "The Simple Life: Interns."

The Seven-Day Station Break

ABSTINENCE | Television has been accused of many things, from corrupting our morals and co-opting our republic to undermining our families and making pudges of our children. For all sorts of reasons, TV routinely gets kicked around plenty. And now's a great time to kick it, if

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1, as many as 8 million viewers will pull the plug on TV, the Internet and video games.

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Raw numbers sug-

gest a little encouragement is needed.

A Kaiser Family Foundation survey released in March found third-graders through 12th-graders devoted, on average, nearly six and a half hours a day to TV and videos, music, video games and computers.

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Science

In 1905, Einstein put the wheels in motion for relativity theory

Fifty years after his death, his white hair and droopy mustache still symbolize genius. Who else could it be but Albert Einstein?

Universities worldwide are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Einstein's "miracle year," when he published five scientific papers that changed the world's grasp of space, time, light and matter. His ideas launched a technological revolution that has generated more change in a century than in the previous two millennia.

Computers, satellites, telecommunication, lasers, television and nuclear power all owe their invention to how Einstein exposed a more complicated reality underneath the observable world. "We are a different race of people than we were a century ago, utterly and completely different, because of Einstein,"

"We are a different race of people than we were a century ago ... because of Einstein."

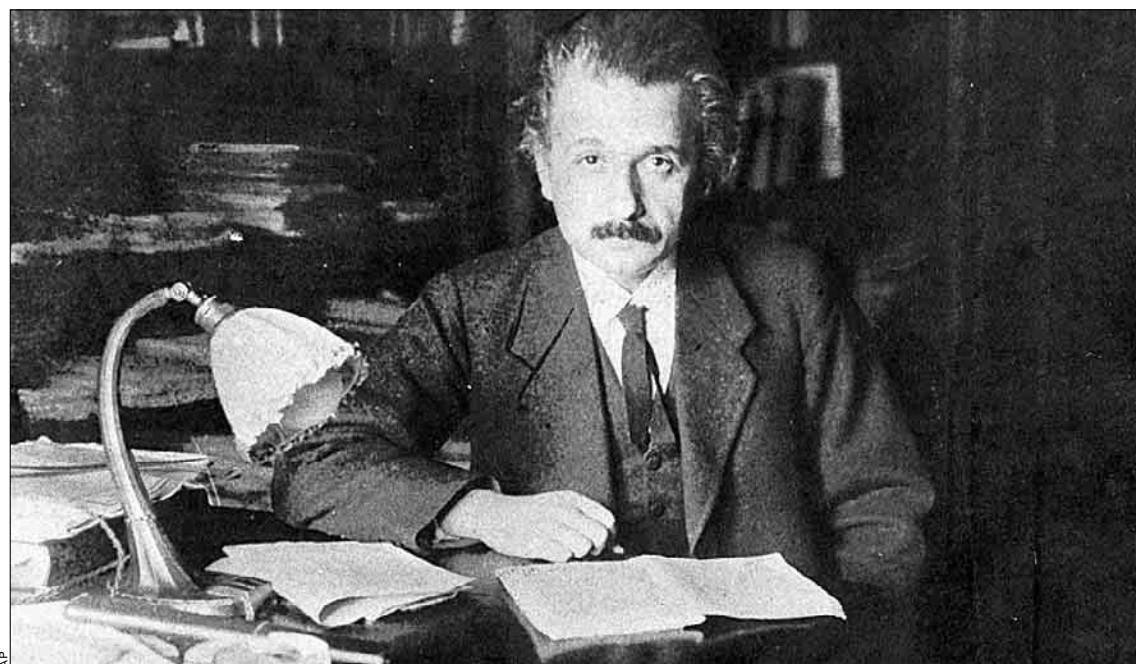
MICHAEL SHARA
ASTROPHYSICIST

said Michael Shara of the American Museum of Natural History.

Early in the 20th century, Einstein worked furiously on "thought experiments" that smashed through the limits of established physics. "Imagination is more important than knowledge," Einstein said. "The important thing is to not stop questioning."

In 1905, he published five landmark papers without footnotes or citation: In March, Einstein showed light is made of packets of energy, or quanta, that can behave like individual particles — the basis of quantum theory. His explanation of this later won him a Nobel prize.

In April, Einstein submitted a



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paper determining sugar molecules' size by calculating their diffusion in tea. In May, he showed particles that appear to be independently moving in water are actually being jostled by chaotically moving atoms in the water. His calculations proved the atom's existence and, by extension, the makeup of chemical elements.

In June, Einstein's paper on "spe-

cial relativity" separated him from mainstream physics. He said the speed of light is constant, but appears different depending on where you are and how fast you travel.

In November, he published an extension of that, on the conversion of mass into energy, noting the "mass of a body is a measure of its energy content." In 1907, he abbreviated it

to what would become science's most famous equation: The amount of energy equals mass times the speed of light squared, or $E=mc^2$.

Einstein described relativity this way: "Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute, and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute. That's relativity." JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA (AP)

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Barry Svrluga

'Bird' Watching

Washington Post staff writer **BARRY SVRLUGA** was online Wednesday to discuss the Nationals and the team mascot, Screech | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

The mascot: good idea or bad idea?

Bad idea. When people come up to you and ask, "Is that a chicken or an owl?" and you have to say, "Um, it's a baby eagle," then I'd say that's a bad idea.

What are the odds of getting Dustin Diamond (Screech from "Saved by the Bell") and the Nationals' mascot to square off in a Screech vs. Screech celebrity boxing match?

If Tiffani-Amber Thiessen could be involved in any way, I'm in favor of it.

Wouldn't you think a city that hadn't seen baseball in 30-some years and has been begging for a team to return for most of that time would be able to have higher attendance than a half-empty crowd during the second series?

It's an interesting debate. The first couple of series — particularly after Opening Day — are among the most poorly attended of the summer around baseball because people don't know what the weather will be like yet, kids are still in school, and, well, there's still about 75 more

opportunities to go. Plus, it's not like there's a nice new ballpark to attract folks out here.

That said, we must watch the Nationals' attendance closely. If it dips much lower than 25,000 consistently, then there could be a problem that would indicate long-term struggles.

I go to baseball games as much for the food as I do the action on the field. Do you agree that Aramark/RFK has quite possibly the worst food in the majors?

As I would like to keep my weight below, say, 400 pounds, I choose not to dine at the concessions on a nightly basis. I have heard fans say the food is a bit basic. Remember: This whole thing is a work in progress. I would expect things to get better, not worse.

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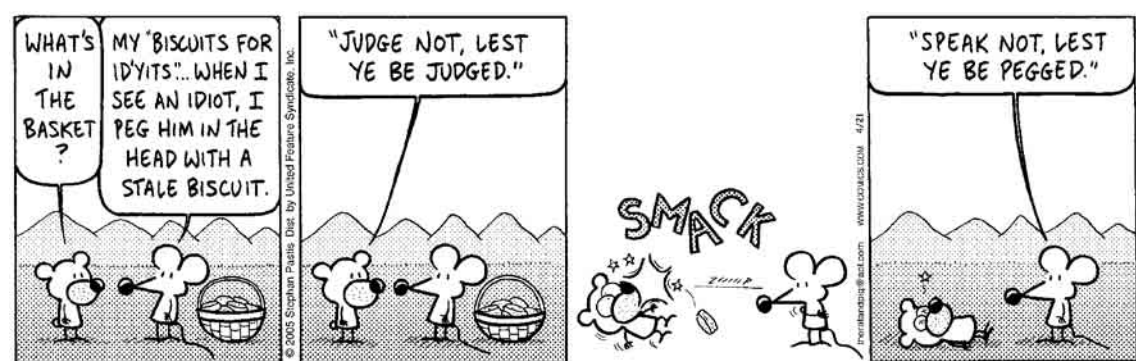
11 A.M.: Post staff writer Jason LaCanfora previews the NFL draft.

1 P.M.: Post staff writer Miranda Spivack, who headed "The Guide: The Washington Region at Your Fingertips," a special section, answers questions about the metro area.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



Letters

The District's Distinct Odor

I RECENTLY MADE my first visit to Ford's Theatre and the house across the street where President Abraham Lincoln died 140 years ago. Both places are very well pre-

served — in keeping, perhaps, with the somber atmosphere that is fitting for such historic spots.

However, I was utterly disgusted with the appearance and upkeep of the streets in the surrounding area. Trash and its accompanying smell made for a very disappointing visit.

Is this the best D.C. can do?

Perhaps it is time for a Rudy Giuliani sort of mayor to clean up and care for D.C. in the same way New York has been revitalized.

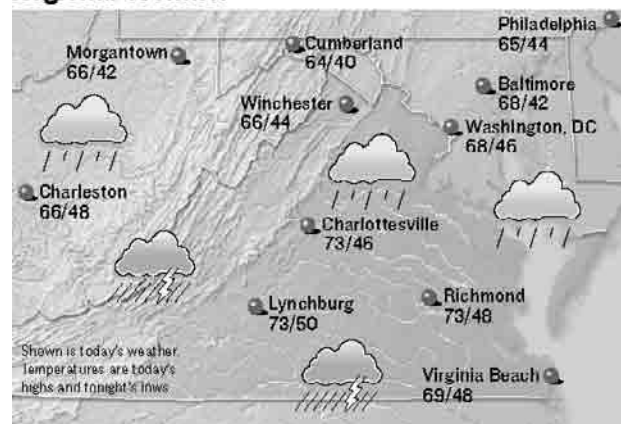
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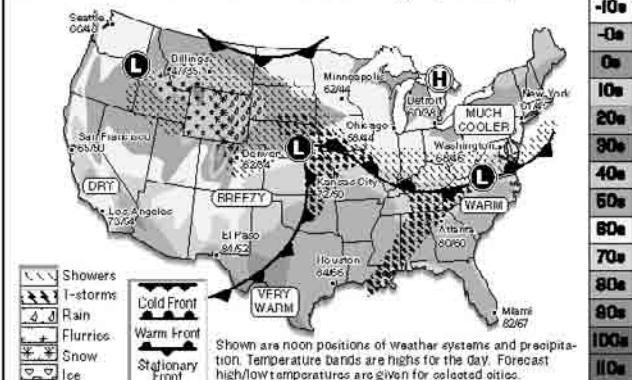
D.C. Metro: Today, shower early, turning partly sunny, much cooler, breezy. High 68. Wind north 8-16 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 46.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:23 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:51 p.m.
Moonrise today	5:11 p.m.
Moonset today	5:08 a.m.



National Weather for Thursday, April 21



National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	80/60/w	80/55/t
Boston	55/40/pc	59/44/s
Chicago	58/44/s	50/34/r
Dallas	86/64/pc	80/50/pc
Denver	62/34/pc	60/35/sh
Honolulu	86/72/pc	85/71/s
Los Angeles	73/54/s	75/56/pc
Miami	82/67/s	84/68/pc
New York City	61/45/pc	61/49/s
Orlando	84/58/s	86/62/s
Seattle	66/48/pc	68/48/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Amsterdam	52/38/pc	52/40/s
Athens	65/53/pc	66/46/c
Berlin	48/34/pc	49/35/pc
Buenos Aires	70/56/s	72/58/s
Calgary	67/38/pc	66/37/s
Dublin	52/45/pc	51/46/t
Geneva	51/32/pc	51/40/pc
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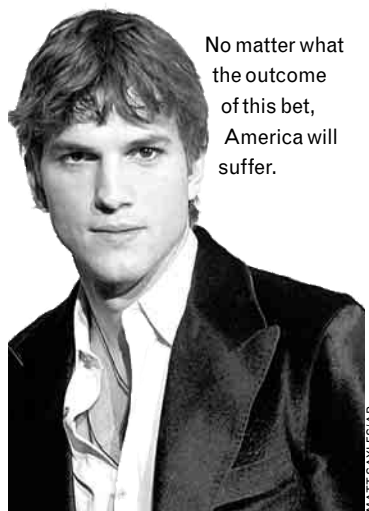
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People

T.M.I. Hollywood Naval-Gazing No Longer Clichéd Metaphor

ASHTON KUTCHER says if his new movie, "A Lot Like Love," tops the weekend box office, he'll model underwear. "If we are the No. 1 movie in America, I will do a Calvin Klein underwear campaign," Kutcher said on "Access Hollywood" Tuesday. "It's actually a bet that I made with my producing partner, so we will see what happens," he added. "I like being nude," he said. (AP)



No matter what the outcome of this bet, America will suffer.

MATT SAYLES/AP



LUCY NICHOLSON/REUTERS

OMENS

Plague of Locusts Due Any Day Now

Always a bad sign: Someone out there cared enough to fork over the \$15,000 "sponsor" fee so "American Idol" host **RYAN SEACREST** could have a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, which he received Wednesday, accompanied by **PAULA ABDUL**, **SIMON COWELL** and **RANDY JACKSON**. (EXPRESS)

UGH Tho Art Too Clever A Fellow by Half, My Lord!

DENZEL WASHINGTON, who is playing Brutus in the Broadway revival of "Julius Caesar," has come up with a new defense against pesky ringing cell phones during live performances: iambic pentameter. Washington

told CBS' "60 Minutes Wednesday" that "one of these days I'm going to respond in iambic pentameter: 'Answereth that, my lord. My lord,



it is for you." The CBS show said Washington is making \$1,700 a week to appear on stage — a pittance compared to the millions of dollars he makes per movie. But Washington said acting isn't work. "Acting is a privilege, and it's a craft and all of those things, but it's not work," he said. (AP)

TABLOIDS

Bennifer II Engagement Frenzy — And They're Off!

Star magazine has reported that Ben Affleck and **JENNIFER GARNER** are engaged. Sure, it's still a rumor — but rumor always sounds most like truth when details are cited, such as the \$500,000, 4.5-carat Harry Winston ring Affleck allegedly slipped onto Jen's finger (former fiancé J.Lo's was 6.1 carats). The event may or may not have taken place at Garner's 33rd birthday party on Saturday. (EXPRESS)



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

SPITTING

Jane Braces for Booger Flicking, Feces Throwing

A man spit tobacco juice into the face of **JANE FONDA** after waiting in line at a Kansas City, Mo., book sign-



Jane drove this man to spit tobacco.

ing, police said. **MICHAEL SMITH**, 54, ran off but was quickly caught by police Tuesday night and charged with disorderly conduct. Smith, a Vietnam veteran, said that Fonda was a "traitor" and that he normally does not chew tobacco but did so solely to spit juice on her. "I consider it a debt of honor," he said. "She spit in our faces for 37 years. It was absolutely worth it. There are a lot of veterans who would love to do what I did." Fonda never got up from her seat and continued signing books after the spit was wiped off. (AP)

COME-ONS

Translation: Media, Please Ridicule Me More

For his next stunt, New York illusionist **DAVID BLAINE** says he'll perform an "easy and fun" high-wire act in Manhattan on Halloween. "Basically, it's something that's been done in the circuses, based on the old high-wire acts," Blaine said Tuesday. "It's like family entertainment, this one." (AP)



David Blaine practices his mime routine using a real transparent box.

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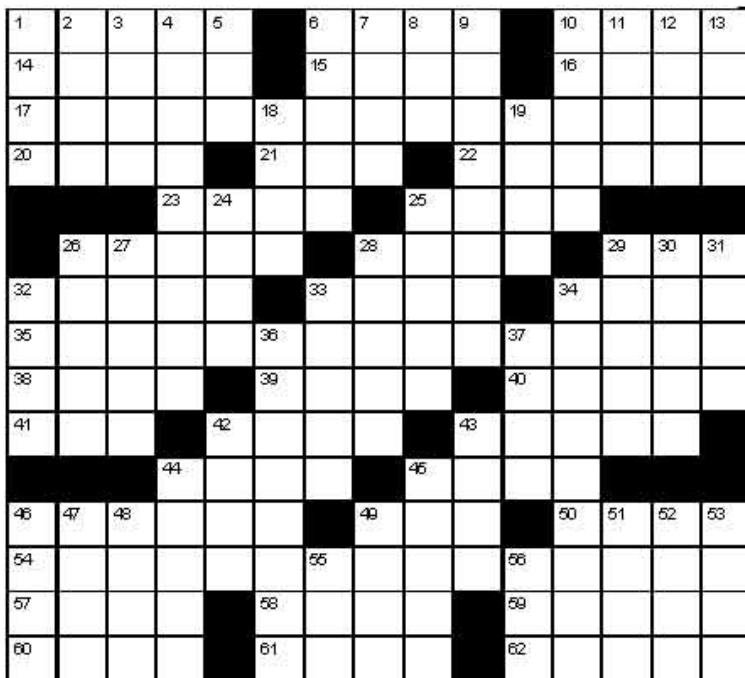
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ACROSS

- 1 Bikini part
6 Indefinite amount
10 Be rude at the dinner table
14 Eurasian river and range
15 Birds, to biologists
16 Description of some lips
17 Sci-fi version of "The Tempest"
20 Sneaking suspicion
21 Van Gogh had one later in life
22 Baby's diversion
23 Word with oxygen or pup
25 Apportion (with "out")
26 Clemency
28 Bit of reality?
29 Word with trash or dust
32 Enjoy to the fullest
33 A lot may have lots
34 She asked, "What's love got to do with it?"
35 It features Jake Barnes
38 They move shells
39 Perry's creator
40 One way to become a parent
41 Cloth layer
42 Persuade
43 Beaming
44 Second to none
45 Gallup's method

DOWN

- 46 Enter the picture
49 "Rosemary's Baby" author Levin
50 Calpurnia, to Caesar
54 Eric Rohmer film
57 Salty Asian lake
58 Without repetition
59 "Belay there!"
60 Russo in "In the Line of Fire"
61 "Canterbury Tales" drink
62 Festina____ (make haste slowly)



- 29 Badlands animal
30 Like Inspector Clouseau
31 Boss Tweed's nemesis
32 What to do "in the name of love"
33 Stone measure
34 Tsunami
36 Gathering place at CNN
37 Marsh bird
42 Junction for a sewer?
43 Bookbinding leather
44 "Beauty and the

- Beast" character
45 Moved by leverage
46 Many miles from here
47 Without admixtures
48 Try not to be taken by surprise
49 Past Peruvian country
52 Menacing hand
53 Boiardo supporter
55 Bill in the till
56 Goombah

Yesterday's Solution



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Financial commitments must not be overlooked. Others are expecting you to come through on schedule and be prepared to do so.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be irascible and argumentative throughout the day — until someone gives you an honest earful and turns you around.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You don't want to see your current plans go up in smoke, so you had better do all you can to pre-

vent any mishaps, errors or accidents.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're in the spotlight yet again — but you'll be in rare form, more eager to please yourself than your critics. You're more in touch.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Listen to what others are saying and you'll realize just how valid your own ideas are and will be — now and in the days and weeks to come.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A disagreement is bound to broaden the rift between you and a friend — unless you are willing to take the first step toward reconciliation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Though you may be staring into the jaws of defeat, you can still muster the strength you need to put in a top-notch performance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) When

you find yourself lost in he said/she said, take the time to step out of the situation and re-establish a healthy perspective.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Two wrongs still don't make a right, as you should learn in no uncertain terms. Expect only the best from yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) What others consider tacky, you are likely to prize as stylish and desirable. Remember, after all, to each his own.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll get a valuable inside look at something you must come to understand better if you are to progress at the current pace.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Have you tried that familiar method of getting to the truth lately? It's likely it will yield remarkable results.

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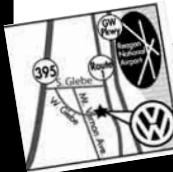
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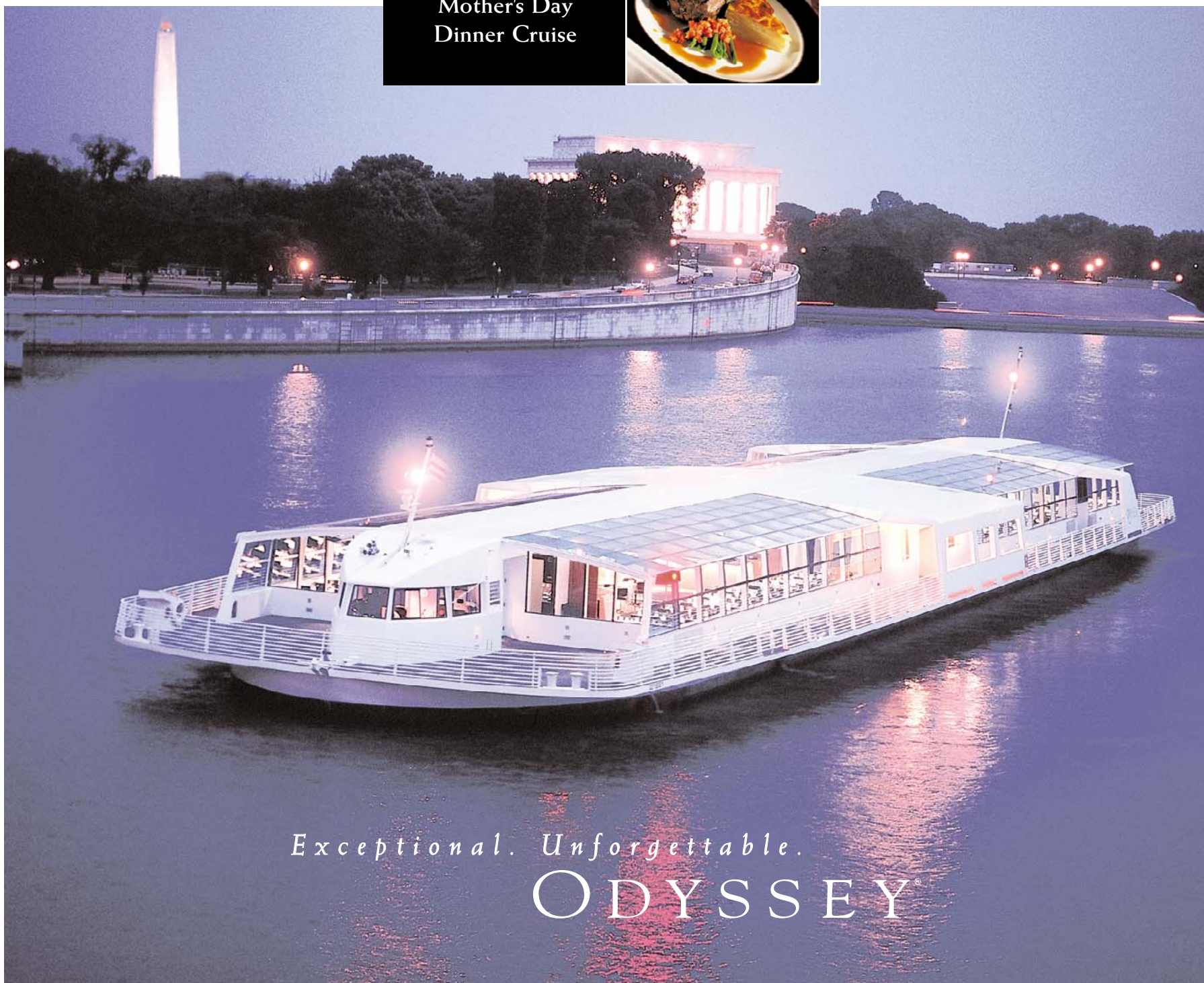
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THE RAUNCHY LOCAL THEATER company has made its first foray into film. It's a remake of a 1922 British silent movie called "Trapped by the Mormons" that purported to expose the true nature of the mysterious church. Cherry Red being Cherry Red, the remake is a sexy, hilarious Grand Guignol of mesmerism, vampirism and physical stirrings, wrapped up in a flickering black-and-white bow. But its message about ignorance and intolerance is serious.

Was there really anti-Mormon hysteria in England in the early part of the century?

There was. The Mormons at the time were proselytizing in Britain. My family is descended from these people. There was a lot of paranoia

about them, also a lot fear of hypnosis, combined with the [fear of] polygamy. The original "Trapped by the Mormons" was a horror film at the time. It was only shown in burlesque houses.

Nora's attraction to Mormonism is channeled through her desire for the recruiter, Isoldi Keane.

But you cast a woman (local drag king Stacey Whitmire in guise as Johnny Kat).

I did want Isoldi to be a little bit feminine and I wanted her to be a little strange because I think that's a big part of Nora's being tempted away from something safe into something strange and sexy. Isoldi is almost like Nora's other self.

Is it just too easy to make fun of our earlier selves for being naïve?

Well, I think the movie was not naïve — it's kind of aggressively



Stacey Whitmire is Johnny Kat as Isoldi Keane, mysteriously compelling corruptor of young girls, in the outrageous and scathing film "Trapped by the Mormons."

ignorant. They were just afraid of this strange religion. Whether it's the Christian right or the Muslims, there's a lot of ignorance. I'm not sending up 1922 ideas about Mormons. I'm making a bigger comment.

How was making a movie different from staging a play?

It was really fun to learn how to do it. When I'm working on something, I tend to get everyone and their dog involved, so I just kind of pulled everyone together and said hey, let's do this project. The big difference was how when you start shooting it's actually the performance, not a rehearsal. Theater is very present tense.

"Whether it's the Christian right or Muslims, there's a lot of ignorance."

Are you taking your show on the road?

I'm not familiar with film marketing. But the plan now is to do the run in D.C. We're talking to a theater here in New York and we're also talking to a theater in Salt Lake. The city is still Mormon but it's subsidized into becoming just an American city, and the give and take the movie dramatizes between those cultures is something they would really like.

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Precious Breath

The polio epidemic is over, but it taught us about compassion

LECTURE | Unless you're given to waxing nostalgic over the infectious diseases of yore, you probably haven't asked yourself "Whatever Happened to Polio?"

But an exhibition of that name at the National Museum of American History will answer questions you didn't even know you had.

In public relations terms, polio was the AIDS of its day, front-page news. Swimming pools were shut down, sick houses were quarantined and massive public health campaigns got the word out to be wary.

In other ways, the diseases couldn't be more different. Though, like AIDS, viral in origin, poliomyelitis (also called infantile paralysis, though it could strike adults, too) could be spread through casual contact. And it wasn't always a serious ailment. Only a fraction of those exposed to the virus were stricken with paralysis. And of those only a fraction died.

But the thought of one's child being confined to an iron lung for



SIGN OF THE TIMES: A 1916 warning placard is a grim reminder that children were most vulnerable to the disease. Quarantine was a not entirely effectual solution.

years was enough to mobilize a nation. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, himself a polio sufferer (the president's cane and leg braces are on display) inaugurated a grassroots effort to raise money for the research of scientists such as Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin.

The exhibit, which honors the 50th anniversary of the public announcement of Salk's life-saving vaccine, also looks at the societal changes brought by polio's wake,

among them the Americans with Disabilities Act and techniques of modern fund-raising.

It's easy to forget in this age of the television disease-of-the-week and the whatever-a-thon, but the original March of Dimes was a symbolic walk on behalf of those who could not. **GLENN DIXON**

National Museum of American History, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; ongoing, 2006; 202-633-1000. (Federal Triangle)

The Penn Is Still Mighty

Michael Penn's fine pop-rock recordings are as rare as pearls

MUSIC | Michael Penn works at a snail's pace. The 46-year-old singer-songwriter has been at it for 15 years and has a mere four albums under his belt.

Frustrated by small success with his Southern California band Doll Congress in the early '80s, Penn gave up guitar and tried the acting thing like his brothers Chris and Sean.

In 1987 Sean hosted "Saturday

Night Live" and brought Michael on as the musical guest. Penn picked up his guitar again for real. He released "March" in 1989 and the critically acclaimed record spawned the hit, "No Myth."

His first hiatus wasn't broken until 1992's "Free for All." It was another five years until "Resigned," after which Penn scored P.T. Anderson's "Boogie Nights." He managed to squeeze out "Mp4: Days Since a Lost Time Accident" in 2000 and at some point along the way married fellow singer-songwriter Aimee Mann.



Penn writes infectious but sophisticated melodies and keen-eyed lyrics.

"I know I take a long time between records," said Penn on his Web site. "But honestly, it isn't because I take forever to make them. I take forever to write them."

So long as he keeps 'em coming.

RYAN DOHERTY

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IF GARBAGE IS YOUR BAG ...: No one quite knew what to make of the band's snarky, droning dance-rock in the mid-'90s; now, Garbage sounds ahead of its time.

One Man's Trash

Compelling reasons why no one ever says, 'Turn off that Garbage!'

MUSIC | These days, alternative rock is a boys' club. But it wasn't like that 10 years ago when girl-fronted bands like No Doubt, Hole and Garbage ascended to stardom.

So what happened? Well, Gwen Stefani and Courtney Love both graduated from the rock scene — one to the pop charts, the other to the tabloid pages.

But Shirley Manson and Garbage

are back with a bang on "Bleed Like Me," their first new CD in four years. The group's current single, "Why Do You Love Me," is a punked-up tantrum that's been tearing up the rock charts.

Right now, Garbage is on a five-week headlining tour that hits the 9:30 Club on Thursday. Britpop fans will want to show up early to catch the opening act, British faves

the Dead 60s.

Garbage is the brainchild of producer Butch Vig, who formed the band in the aftermath of his historic work on Nirvana's "Nevermind." But in concert, he's just the drummer — fiery singer Manson has been the group's focal point since day one.

Over the years, their partnership has been a fruitful one. Garbage's greatest hit remains "Stupid Girl," an iconic single from its 1995 self-titled debut. The band continued to rule the airwaves for the remainder of that decade, pumping out vibrant

rock anthems and propulsive club jams alike.

But the group's winning streak ended with the release of its third album, "Beautiful Garbage." An experiment in bubblegum-irony that hit stores a few weeks after Sept. 11, 2001, it failed to capture the public's imagination.

"Bleed Like Me," on the other hand, is an inspired return to Garbage's rock roots. The snarling opener, "Bad Boyfriend," even features a thunderous guest performance by drummer Dave Grohl.

On "Why Do You Love Me," Manson takes on the beauty myth: "I am not as pretty as those girls in magazines." Still, she cuts a pretty glamorous figure in the video.

With acts like Beck and Nine Inch Nails also on the comeback trail, 2005 is turning out to be a pretty good year for veterans of the 1990s alternative boom. Sure, it would be nice if No Doubt and Hole were along for the ride. But Garbage is doing a stellar job of carrying the load for girl rockers everywhere. **SEAN RICHARDSON**

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Top Stops

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Because she's looked Le Cirque in the eye, because she's eaten more thoughtfully than almost anyone in the business, restaurant critic and Gourmet editor Ruth Reichl comes to town to discuss her new memoir, "Garlic and Sapphires."

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Faun Fables: True Romance

The name's a little twee, but trust Faun Fables to show muscle when it has to. The band brings together the best of odd pop with delicate, melancholy folkieism.

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Live the Dream

Boy wonder Ben Lee fights a cynical world with love and melody

MUSIC | How sweet is Ben Lee's new album, "Awake Is the New Sleep"? Sweet like sugar candy. Sweet like getting a pony for Valentine's Day. Sweet like a young man who's been called the Next Big Thing since he was a young boy and has taken his time to prove everyone right.

The Australian boy wonder has finally made the album everyone knew he had in him since his 1998 debut on the world stage. All he had

to do was let go of the expectations, which could not have been that easy. Melodic, inclusive, introspective and singalong-ready, "Awake" is the musical banner leading the march toward enlightenment and that old rock devil, love.

"It's not just about music," said Lee, who brings his new songs to the Black Cat on Friday. "I look into the audience and I see people who want similar things that I do from music and they're connecting in the show; it's a joyous experience."

"Awake" is overtly spiritual, but rather than alienating the audience from the singer's mindset, the spiri-

tuality, the sense of a common experience, draws the listener in.

"I look at all the religious teachings where there's a value to group experience," said Lee of his time in India. "For me, taking this record out of the personal into the communal is just huge."

His sense of melody is stronger than ever (he wanted to write tunes that "stick in your head like bubblegum," his Web site

WIDE 'AWAKE': Lee sees himself as less a pop star than a "soldier" on a mission of joy.



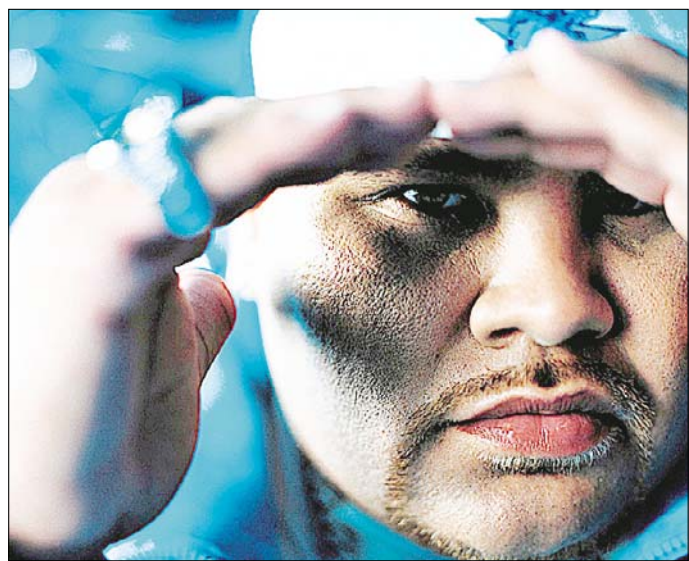
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states.) When he implores the listener to "do it, whatever it is," in a friendly, teasing voice, it's both sensual and playful. He subsumes himself on the slightly dominating, slightly masochistic love song "Apple Candy" and gets everyone stomping along to "We're All in This Together." The kid's heart is on his sleeve, despite the risk.

"It's not a risk if you get paid for it," he said. "That's my job as a songwriter — to be more vulnerable ... to go places the audience wouldn't go on their own. I would never resent that duty." **ARION BERGER**

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GALLERIES | Over the past few years, local sculptor Dan Steinhilber has made a name for himself by ingeniously refashioning household items — garbage bags, soda bottles, coffee-cup holders — into bizarre sculptural configurations that seem at once simplistically direct and mind-blowingly weird.

Already the subject of a "Directions" show at the Hirshhorn, Steinhilber is now receiving his first solo exhibition at Numark Gallery.

Just inside the gallery's door, a grocery cart is upended onto its front side. Elsewhere, unchewed strips of Wrigley's Juicy Fruit gum are tacked in a grid with spit onto a thin acrylic support. The zig-zag-patterned monochrome sags in a gentle arc.

Other painting-like objects include multicolored tangles of tape, towers of color-coordinated duct tape, strapping tape and stretch wrap and at the center of it all, four red hand trucks, perched on their wheels, support a large octahedron of interlaced, empty boxes.

Which seems just right for Steinhilber, for whom in-balance



COURTESY NUMARK

Steinhilber's shampoo bottles express their aesthetic and utilitarian natures.

and out-of-skew are a hair's breadth apart. **GLENN DIXON**

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A Swingin' Dame

Dee Dee Bridgewater adds a diva attitude to her daring jazz

MUSIC | It'll be interesting to see how jazz history treats Dee Dee Bridgewater. She's certainly one of our most identifiable jazz singers — not always for her musicianship.

In concert, she can be a ham. She'll cajole her bandmates with cheeky banter, then pace across the stage with a kittenish strut, teetering precociously between sultry jazz and smutty cabaret.

That said, Bridgewater can blow most of her contemporaries off the stage like nobody's business. She has a virtuosity that recalls that of Ella Fitzgerald, and she's not afraid to show it. Oftentimes, Bridgewater will race through an extended scat excursion at a near impossible tempo, forcing her bandmates — especially the horn players — to match her dazzling improvisations.

Bridgewater approaches her repertoire with as much daring as she does her improvisations. Three years ago, she became perhaps the only jazz singer to devote an entire



KITTEN WITH A WHIP: Bridgewater identifies with emotionally extravagant jazz.

album to the music of Kurt Weil (with "This Is New") without including "Mack the Knife." Her newest album, "J'ai Deux Amours" finds her tackling a program of cherished French chansons with equal cunning.

So, while she's not as solemn or

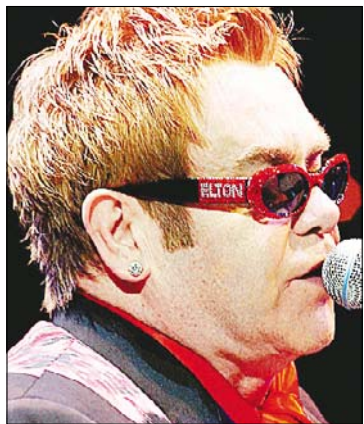
lo-fi as Diana Krall or Cassandra Wilson, Bridgewater's frisky wanton spirit — musically and otherwise — will certainly wow the Strathmore crowd this Thursday. **JOHN MURPH**

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Novelty Rock With Bite

Baby Teeth's musical irony is dead serious

MUSIC | Everyone has a gift. Pearly Sweets' gift, which he so generously bestows on the world in the form of his band Baby Teeth, is to write songs uncannily reminiscent of Hall & Oates.

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And Baby Teeth is the leader

of the Hall & Oates Renaissance Society. The D.C. chapter will celebrate at the band's visit this Thursday. It'll throw in touches of Dr. Hook and Elton John for good measure. Of course, these guys do it with a wink and possibly a small, sly grin. Plus funky suits and some truly unfortunate facial hair.

The trio has a long history in the oddball Chicago music scene.

Sweets met drummer Peter Andreadis during a recording session for The Platonics, Sweets' former garage soul outfit. Bassist and (ex-Washingtonian) Jim Cooper leads Devo disciples The Detholz! (exclamation point theirs).

There is some irony involved, yes, but it does not suck. It is not a joke. The gift is real. **BOB MASSEY**

DC 9, 1940 9th St. NW; Thu., Apr. 21, 9 p.m., \$8; 202-483-5000. (U St.-Cardozo)

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The Silos' brand of skewed roots-rock with a poppy twist started a revolution.

The Silos: Against the Grain

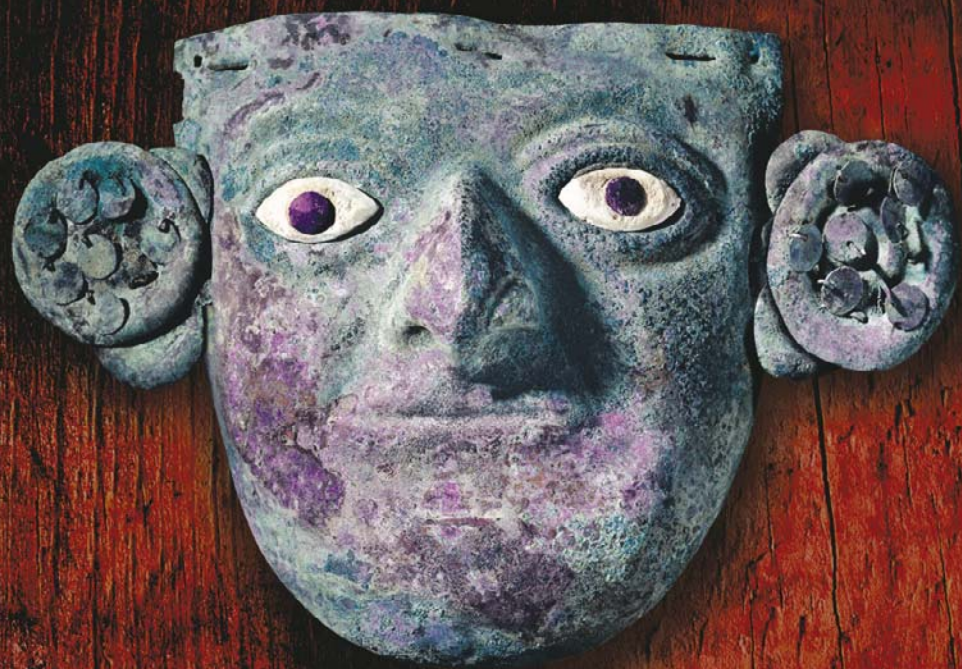
Has it really been 15 years since the Silos' first, self-titled record? The progenitors of alt-country are back in the game with "Laser Beam Next Door"; maybe they'll start yet another world-shaking musical trend.

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Antabalas' global beat is dance floor revolution

MUSIC | Afrobeat has become such a pervasive element of today's happy-go-lucky deep house that sometimes its political edge gets smoothed out by its rhythmic exuberance. Not so with the Antabalas Afrobeat Orchestra, at 9:30 Club on Friday. As evidenced by the accusatory title of its last disc, "Who Is This America?," the group is just as committed to making polemic political statements as it is to cultivating intoxicating grooves.

When the late Fela Anikulapo-Kuti concocted Afrobeat, fusing



only celebrating his people; he was speaking out against his country's tyrannical government.

Antabalas hasn't lost sight of that. Although this Brooklyn outfit's lyrics don't come across nearly as original or incisive as some of Fela's words from hits like "Water No Get Enemy" or "I.T.T. (International Thief Thief)," many of Antabalas' joints such as "Pay Back Africa" and "N.E.S.T.A. (Never Ever Submit to Authority)" aren't likely to get performed on "American Idol" either.

It isn't every day the 9:30 or any club hosts such a funky, riotous summit meeting. **JOHN MURPH**

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James Brown's "Soul Power" and '60s New Thing avant-garde saxophone shronks with some of his native Nigerian music, he wasn't



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BULLY PULPIT: Ray Wylie Hubbard is best known for penning the classic "Up Against the Wall, Redneck Mother," Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Fri., April 22, 7:30 p.m., \$20; 800-551-7328.

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War Is Poetry

A new film examines beauty born out of horror and misery

DOCUMENTARY | "Voices in Wartime" is a thoughtful, provocative exploration of the ways poets have dealt with the experience of battle throughout history.

The words of Homer, Emily Dickinson, Wilfred Owen and Langston Hughes as well as a scribe from ancient Babylonia and contemporary writers are read with eloquence against a backdrop of disturbing images from actual combat footage and from fiction films to produce a searing chronicle of the effects of armed conflict

on humanity.

The film, now playing at Landmark E Street Cinema, juxtaposes the historical record with the effort of a group of poets to oppose the invasion of Iraq. In early 2003, with the war just weeks away, more than 50 writers, led by Sam Hamill and Emily Warn, felt disinclined to participate in a symposium organized by Laura Bush on "Poetry and the American Voice," and organized to register their resistance. They felt it hypocritical to celebrate writers such as Dickinson and Hughes with an administration that was on the verge of staging what they viewed as an unnecessary war.

Though there is an inherent antiwar message, the film stead-



MAKING SENSE OF THE CRUCIBLE: A U.S. soldier in Iraq as seen in Rick King's documentary "Voices in Wartime."

fastly focuses on the effects of war and the idea that no one escapes it unchanged.

Among the scholars and artists interviewed are current and former soldiers, including Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox Jr., the superintendent at West Point, whose doctoral disserta-

tion at Princeton was on American war poets.

Released to coincide with National Poetry Month and the second anniversary of the war with Iraq, the articulate film is backed by the Voices in Wartime Network, a worldwide effort to communal-

ly respond to the traumas of war. Director Rick King collects insightful interviews and affecting visuals, while uniting personal stories and universal themes, to create a documentary that inspires its own level of shock and awe.

KEVIN CRUST (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 The Amityville Horror

Before it turns into a nasty exercise in gore and stylish editing, this remake generates some early chills and chuckles. SEAN DALY

2 Sahara

This desert adventure in which almost nothing works is a mediocrity wrapped inside a banality, toasted in a nice, fresh cliché. STEPHEN HUNTER

3 Fever Pitch

Deprived of their usual set pieces involving flatulence and body fluids, the Farrelly brothers are unable to move a narrative along. ANN HORNADAY

4 Sin City

This piece of death-driven outlaw art is like watching someone chan-



RUN, KIDS! Or, you could move out of the haunted house. Just a suggestion.

nel Raymond Chandler while gargling Wild Turkey, but it is an icon of high decadence and high art.

STEPHEN HUNTER

5 Guess Who

As the father of a black woman who brings home a white guy, Bernie Mac is funny, but no miracle worker, in this limp update. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

6 Beauty Shop

Queen Latifah holds court over a dish-talking circle of female hairdressers. There isn't an original moment, but the attitude is loose. DESSON THOMSON

7 Robots

It has great production design, but none of the characters have personalities of their own. STEPHEN HUNTER

8 Miss Congeniality 2

This movie tediously reprises one of Sandra Bullock's most successful roles, minus most of the stellar supporting cast. STEPHEN HUNTER

9 The Pacifier

There's nothing endearing about a wooden Vin Diesel dealing with baby vomit and petulant teens.

DESSON THOMSON

10 The Upside of Anger

Joan Allen is outstanding as a housewife whose senses are intoxicated but never dulled in this drama soaked in gonzo-sitcom craziness.

DESSON THOMSON

Indies&Arties

→ The Complete Films of Andrei Tarkovsky

The Tarkovsky-fest continues this weekend starting with "Nostalghia" on Thursday. Then it's "The Sacrifice"—and Swedish documentary on the making of "The Sacrifice," "Directed by Andrei Tarkovsky"—the sci-fi classic "Stalker" and "The Mirror." AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville



A still from Hal Hartley's low-tech sci-fi venture, "The Girl From Monday."

Road, Silver Spring; 301-495-6720.

→ Discreetly Charming: The Golden Years of Luis Bunuel

Two Bunuel classics show this weekend: "The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie" and "That Obscure Object of Desire," Friday through Sunday. AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-495-6720.

→ Digital Hal

Cult director Hal Hartley flirts with digital filmmaking in the sci-fi feature "The Girl From Monday," playing Saturday and "Possible Films: Shorts" on Sunday. AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-495-6720.

→ Yang Fudong: Select Film and Videos

The Shanghai-based artist's short films and videos include "Seven Intellectuals in a Bamboo Forest." In Chinese with English subtitles. Hirshhorn Museum, Independence Avenue and 7th St. SW; Thu., 8 p.m., 202-633-4674.

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Birchmere: Fri., Dave Alvin, Ray Wylie Hubbard; Sat. Late Show, Clarks; Sat. Early Show, Chris Smither, Tim O'Brien. 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 703-549-7500.

Black Cat: Thu., Amy Ray, Athens Boys Choir, Snow Machine; Fri., Ben Lee, Har Mar Superstar, Maria Taylor; Sat. Main Stage, "Cryfest;" Sat. Back Stage, "Bliss;" Sun., Damien Jurado, Radar Bros. 1811 14th St. NW; 202-667-7960.

Blues Alley: Thu., Rick Wurzbacher, Dennis Chambers; Fri.-Sun., Stanley Jordan. 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-337-4141.

Classics: Sat., Suttle Thoughts; Sun., Rare Essence. 4591 Allentown Road, Camp Springs; 301-420-5353.

Club Amazon: Thu., "Big G Project;" Fri., "International Fridays;" Sat., Lissen Band; Sun., "Flow." 1350I Baltimore Ave., Laurel; 301-210-3466.

Crossroads: Thu., "Anything Goes;" Fri., "Escape" featuring Denise Belfon; Sat., "Energy;" Sun., "Dancehall." 4103 Baltimore Ave., Bladensburg; 301-927-1056.

Daedalus: Thu., "College Night;" Fri.-Sat., "Asian Night." 1010 Vermont Ave. NW; 202-347-9066.

DC9: Thu., (Sounds of) Kaleidoscope; Fri., "Liberation;" Sat., Cause, Monorail; Sun., Fatales. 1940 9th St. NW; 202-483-5000.

Dream: Fri., Ashanti. 1350 Okie St. NE; 202-636-9030.

Edge Nightclub: Sat., "Chiaroscuro." 56 L St. SE; 202-488-1200.

Five: Thu., Plain White T's, Matches, Roses Are Red; Fri., Saeed; Sat., Halo. 1214B 18th St. NW; 202-331-7123.

Founders' Restaurant & Brewing Co.: Sat., Cristopolis. 607 King St., Alexandria; 703-684-5397.

Fur: Thu., "Sex in the City;" Fri., "Ruf;" Sat., "Glow" featuring DJ Pete Moutso. 33 Patterson St. NE; 202-842-3401.

Galaxy Hut: Sat., Lil' Hospital; Sun., Squeaky Fromme. 2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-525-8646.

H2O: Thu., "Usual Suspects;" Fri., "Models & Bottles;" Sat., "Soul Food." 800 Water St. SW; 202-484-6300.

Iota Club and Café: Thu., Faun Fables; Fri., Silos; Sat., Michael Penn, Jim Bog-

LIVE R&B | MINIMALIST



BEYOND BEYONCE: Ashanti hopped on the R&B scene in 2002, scoring multiple chart hits simultaneously with help from Fat Joe and Ja Rule. But arrive promptly at Dream on Friday night, for this scantily dressed diva is "Always on Time," as her everywhere-at-once duet claimed, and you don't want to miss Ashanti and her outfit, or lack thereof.

gia; Sun., Red Elvices. 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-522-8340.

Jammin' Java: Thu., Johnny A., Anne Heaton; Fri., Nothin' Fancy; Sat., Cary Pierce, Charlotte Kendrick; Sat., Cairo Fred. 227 Maple Ave., Vienna; 703-255-1566.

Jaxx: Fri., King Diamond, Nile; Sat., Louis Logic; Sun., Cryptopsy. 6355 Rolling

Road, Springfield; 703-569-5940.

Juste Lounge: Fri., "4Play;" Sat., "Mingles Saturdays." 1015 1/2 7th St. NW; 202-393-3909.

Madam's Organ: Thu., Johnny Artis Band; Fri., Hungry Jackson; Sat., Eric Culberson; Sun., Lucky Dog. 2461 18th St. NW; 202-667-5370.

Modern: Thu., "Lionz Den;" Fri., "Scenario;" Sat., "Groove Theory." 3287 M St. NW; 202-338-7027.

Nation: Thu., "Alchemy" featuring Pigface, Sheep on Drugs, Nocturne, Voodoo; Fri., Dozen Furies; Sat., "Velvet;" Sun., V.P.R. 1015 Half St. SE; 202-554-1500.

9:30 Club: Thu., Garbage, Dead 60s; Fri., Antibalas; Sat. Late Show, "Blowoff" featuring DJ Bob Mould; Sat. Early Show, Kenin; Sun., Hydra, Josh Wink. 815 V St. NW; 202-265-0930.

Patriot Center: Sat., Fat Joe, Terror Squad. 4400 University Drive, Fairfax; 703-993-3000.

Pearl: Thu., "Pearl Jam;" Fri., "After 5;" Sat., "Suite 901;" Sundays, "Super Sex." 901 9th St. NW; 202-371-0681.

Platinum: Thu., "College Thursdays;" Fri., "Plush;" Sat., "Beautiful;" Sun., "Platinum." 915 F St. NW; 202-393-3555.

Rams Head Live Baltimore: Sat., Joe Jackson, Todd Rundgren; Sun., Elvis Costello, Sondre Lerche. 20 Market Place, Baltimore, Md.; 410-244-1131.

Rams Head Tavern Annapolis: Sat.,

NRBQ. 33 West St., Annapolis, Md.; 410-268-4545.

Recher Theatre: Sat., Night Ranger. 512 York Road, Towson, Md.; 410-337-7178.

Republic Gardens: Thu., "Live Jazz Happy Hour;" Fri., "Ol' School Happy Hour;" Sat., "Remedy." 1355 U St. NW; 202-232-2710.

Singapore Bistro: Fri., "Krunk" featuring DJ Eurok. 1134 19th St. NW; 202-262-8950.

State Theatre: Thu., Raq; Fri.-Sat., Dark Star Orchestra; Sun., Codetalkers. 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 703-237-0300.

Strathmore: Thu., Dee Dee Bridgewater; Sun., Sol y Canto, Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer. 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda; 301-581-5100.

Velvet Lounge: Thu., Sound of Urchin; Fri., Adam West; Sat., Marsha Bradee. 915 U St. NW; 202-462-3213.

Warehouse Next Door: Thu., Supersystem, Mary Timony; Fri., Hand Fed Babies; Sat., Distant Sun; Sun., Belegost. 1017 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933.

Whitlow's on Wilson: Thu., Practically Einstein; Fri., Taylor Carson; Sat., Reflex. 2854 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-276-9693.

Wolf Trap: Thu., Austin Lounge Lizards; Fri., Christine Lavin. 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; 703-255-1900.

Zanzibar: Thu., "After Work Dance Party;"

Fri., "International Night;" Sat., "International Saturdays." 700 Water St. NW; 202-554-9100.

SIGHT

Anacostia Museum: On Their Own:

Selected Works by Self-Taught Artists. Chris Clark, Mary Proctor, Simon Jackson, Ruby Williams are just a few of the self-taught artists on display. The Art of Charles Smith. New Orleans artist's cast-iron sculptures. In Celebration of Black Men: The Quilt. Thirteen Washington-area African-Americans created the story quilt in 1995, through June 12. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-287-2061.

ARTFX: Functional Ceramics by Victoria Heisler, through April 30. 45 West St., Annapolis, Md.; 410-990-4540.

Conner Contemporary Art: Maria Friberg, Still Lives. Photographs of pretty people in simple, slightly upsetting stagings, through April 30. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: 2005 BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition. The Corcoran School of Art and Design's graduating class puts its work on display, through May 16. Figuratively Speaking: The Human Form in American Art. Examines diversity in how American artists represent the body, through May 23. 48th Corcoran Biennial: Closer to Home. Contemporary artists informed by traditional arts, opens Saturday, through June 17. Majolica: Italian Renaissance Ceramics. Decorated tin-glazed earthenware from Renaissance Italy, through July 11. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

LAST CHANCE Cultural Institute of Mexico: Mexican Report: Contemporary Mexican Art. A survey of artists living in Mexico, through April 22. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628.

Embassy of Finland: Pop Fantasies: Furniture Design by Eero Aarnio, through May 8. 3301 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-298-5886.

Kathleen Ewing Gallery: "Reflections of France," photographs by Willy Ronis, through May 28. 1609 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-328-0955.

Fraser Gallery Bethesda: Andrzej Pluta, exquisite flower photographs, through May 11. 7700E Wisconsin Ave. Bethesda; 301-718-9651

Fraser Gallery Georgetown: Vanity Studies, works by Viktor Koen, through May 18. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-298-6450.

Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: Asian Games: The Art of Contest, through May 15. In the Realm of Princes: The Arts of the Book in Fifteenth-Century Iran and Central Asia, through Aug. 7. Rusticity Refined: Kyoto Ceramics by Ninsei, through Oct. 23. Games, Contests and Artful Play in

LIVE ROCK | GO GIRL



GLASS HALF FULL: The Indigo Girls aren't making it to the area until June, but take advantage of Amy Ray, half of the duo, at the Black Cat on Thursday.

WeekendPass

LIVE BLUEGRASS | LOUNGING AROUND



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STRINGS AND THINGS: The Austin Lounge Lizards got their name from their days of hanging in bars, playing for tips. The folk-rock band will play Texas-sized songs of bluegrass and humor at Wolf Trap on Thursday.

TheScene

Japan, through Oct. 23. Iraq and China:

Ceramics, Trade, and Innovation, through July 17. Cai Guo-Qiang: Traveler, through July 31. Smithsonian Institution; 202-633-4880.

Fusebox: "Stadia," paintings by Sylvan Lionni; "Freedom Works," paintings by Tim Rollins + K.O.S., through May 21. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-299-9220.

Goethe-Institut Washington: "The Art of Memory/The Memory of Art," artists Horst Hoheisel and Andreas Knitz compare and contrast the ways Germans and Americans memorialize national tragedies, through May 20. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200.

Hillwood Museum: Eva Zeisel: The Playful Search for Beauty. The first survey of

the designer's work in 20 years, through Dec. 4. 1227 34th St. NW; 202-686-5807.

LAST CHANCE Hirshhorn Museum:

Cai Guo-Qiang: Directions. Works from the contemporary Chinese-born artist, through April 24. Isamu Noguchi: Master Sculptor. Works by Japanese-American sculptor, through May 8. Independence Avenue at 7th Street SW; 202-633-4674.

Inter-American Development Bank:

Works by Pietrina Checcacci and Claudia Ravel, through April 29. 1300 New York Ave. NW; 202-623-2581.

Irvine Contemporary Art: Works by Teo Gonzalez, April 22-May 28. 1710 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-8767.

National Academy of Sciences:

Visionary Anatomies. Various artists' works mimic the human body, through May 20. 2101 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-334-2415.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 8 P.M.

Freedom Plaza, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Ave.

The orchestra-in-residence at the museum, performs music from the 1940s to the 1990s during the Blues Alley Big Band Jam celebration.

Uncle Sam JAMs: Army Blues

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Noon, Flag Hall

This dance band's performance pays tribute to the great big bands of the past.



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SATURDAY, APRIL 30

1 p.m., Flag Hall

A high-energy performance from a multicultural group of young dancers on the cutting edge of tap dance.

FILM, POETRY & MORE

A Conversation With Jazz Legend Keter Betts

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Noon, Ella exhibition

Betts discusses his 24-year career as Ella Fitzgerald's bassist.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 26

7:30 p.m., Hall of Musical Instruments

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"Thelonious Monk á Paris"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Noon, Information Age Theater

This mid-1960s concert film features inventive pianist Thelonious Monk along with D.C.-native Charlie Rouse on tenor saxophone.

The International Impact of Jazz

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Noon, Reception Suite

Five members of the musical and diplomatic community look at jazz's international appeal in a moderated discussion.

ON DISPLAY

Ella Fitzgerald: First Lady of Song

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Photos, sheet music, awards and video footage from the extraordinary career of singer Ella Fitzgerald.

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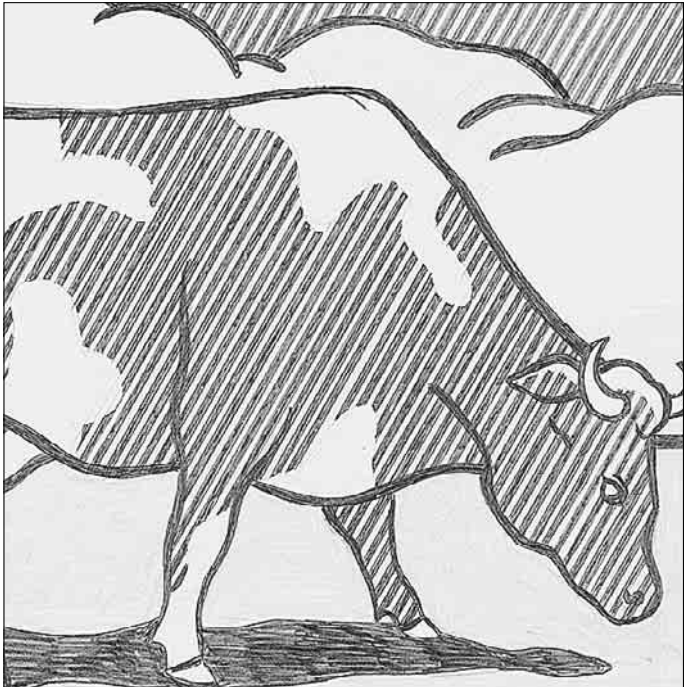
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National Building Museum: Liquid Stone: New Architecture in Concrete. Recent projects displaying the material's strength, versatility and potential, through Jan. 29. New Designs for Public Space. How public space can generate urban revitalization, through May 15. Tools of the Imagination. Architects' and designers' tools, through Oct. 10. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

National Gallery of Art: Drawings by Roy Lichtenstein; 13 of the pop artist's drawings, April 23-July 24. Gilbert Stuart: more than 90 works by the early American portraitist, through July 31. Rembrandt's Late Religious Portraits, from late 1650s and early 1660s, through May 1. André Kertész. A retrospective of the photographer's 70-year-plus career, through May 15. Fauve Painting From the Permanent Collection. Matisse and fellow "wild beasts," through May 30. Cotton Puffs, Q-Tips, Smoke and Mirrors: The Drawings of Ed Ruscha. Juxtaposed words

MUSEUMS | OR IS IT 'MOO-SEUMS'?



GIFT OF DOROTHY LICHTENSTEIN

LUCKY THIRTEEN: A baker's dozen of rarely exhibited drawings by Roy Lichtenstein go on display Saturday at the National Gallery of Art. The drawings span two decades of the pop-art icon's career, from 1973 to 1992.

and images from the contemporary artist, through May 30. Toulouse-Lautrec and Montmartre. About 250 paintings, drawings, sculptures and more, through June 12. Jan de Bray and the Classical Tradition. Works from the Dutch portraitist, through Aug. 14. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-737-4215.

LAST CHANCE National Geographic Society: Peru: Indigenous and Viceregal. The cultural and artistic achievements of the South American country, through May 30. Mapping With Paper and Pixel, through April 25. 17th and M streets NW; 202-857-7588.

National Museum of African Art: Treasures. Highlights of the museum's pieces and private collections, through Aug. 15. Textures: Word and Symbol in Contemporary African Art. Text or graphic symbols in art, through Sept. 9. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600.

National Museum of American History: "Whatever Happened to Polio," through April 12, 2006. Jazz Photographs, Composed and Improvised, through May 11. World War II Photographic Perspectives, through May 30. Separate Is Not Equal, Brown v. Board of Education:

Exhibit reflecting on the 50th anniversary of the integration decision, through May 31. Ralph Bunche, African-American/Global Citizen: The many identities and achievements of the U.N. diplomat, Nobel Peace Prize winner and mediator, through July 5. Ella Fitzgerald, First Lady of Song, ongoing. Duke Ellington, American Musician, ongoing. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of the American Indian: Our Universes: Traditional Knowledge Shapes Our World, ongoing. Native Modernism: George Morrison and Allan Houser, ongoing. 4th Street and Jefferson Drive SW, 202-633-1000.

National Museum of Natural History: Orchids: The Orchid Express: From Mountaintop to Tabletop. Discusses the transformation and discovery of the flower, through May 1. 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-357-2700.

LAST CHANCE National Museum of Women in the Arts: Sheila Isham: The Victoria Series, Isham's five powerful paintings pay tribute to her daughter, who died of AIDS, through April 24. Berthe Morisot: An Impressionist and Her Circle

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GUESS WHO (PG13) 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
MISS CONGENIALITY 2 (PG13) 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30
THE RING TWO (PG13) 2:30, 5:20, 8:10
HITCH (PG13) 2:20, 5:05, 8:00
MILLIONS (PG) 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25
ROBOTS (PG) 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50
THE PACIFIER (PG) 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
HITCH (PG13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 10:10
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13) 3:40, 6:50, 9:55

UNION STATION 9
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THE AMITYVILLE HORROR (R) ✓ 1:45, 4:30, 7:30
STATE PROPERTY 2 (R) 2:30, 5:30, 8:30
FEVER PITCH (PG13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
SAHARA (PG13) 2:15, 5:15, 8:15
SIN CITY (R) 1:50, 4:45, 7:45
BEAUTY SHOP (PG13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
GUESS WHO (PG13) [CC] [DV] 2:30, 5:30, 8:30
MISS CONGENIALITY 2 (PG13) 2:15
THE RING TWO (PG13) 5:15, 8:15
ROBOTS (PG) 1:50, 4:45, 7:45

ACADEMY 8
Beltway Plaza on Greenbelt Rd., Center Court
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THE AMITYVILLE HORROR (R) ✓ 5:40, 7:50, 10:10
STATE PROPERTY 2 (R) 5:30, 7:40, 10:10
FEVER PITCH (PG13) 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
SAHARA (PG13) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
SIN CITY (R) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
BEAUTY SHOP (PG13) 5:20, 8:00, 10:20
GUESS WHO (PG13) 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
THE RING TWO (PG13) 9:30 PM
ROBOTS (PG) 5:00, 7:10

POTOMAC MILLS 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

THE AMITYVILLE HORROR (R) ✓ 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 10:00
STATE PROPERTY 2 (R) 1:05, 1:45, 4:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:20, 10:00
FEVER PITCH (PG13) 1:15, 4:15, 6:40, 9:40
FEVER PITCH (PG13) [CC] [DV] 1:15, 4:15, 6:40, 9:40
SAHARA (PG13) 1:00, 1:45, 4:10, 5:00, 6:50, 7:45, 9:40
SIN CITY (R) 1:30, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05
UPSIDE OF ANGER (R) 1:10, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05
BEAUTY SHOP (PG13) 1:15, 5:15, 7:35, 10:00
GUESS WHO (PG13) 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:30
MISS CONGENIALITY 2 (PG13) 1:40, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00
ICE PRINCESS (G) 1:35, 4:40
THE RING TWO (PG13) 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05
HITCH (PG13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00
ROBOTS (PG) 1:15, 5:15, 7:35, 9:50
BE COOL (PG13) 7:35, 10:00
THE PACIFIER (PG) 1:20, 4:15, 7:05, 9:30
HITCH (PG13) 2:05, 4:40, 7:30, 10:05

MAZZA GALLERIE
Jenifer and Wisconsin
202-537-9553

THE AMITYVILLE HORROR (R) 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
STATE PROPERTY 2 (R) 2:15, 2:45, 4:50, 5:20, 7:30, 7:55, 9:50, 10:15
FEVER PITCH (PG13) 2:25, 5:00, 7:25, 10:00
BEAUTY SHOP (PG13) 2:40, 5:05, 7:35, 9:55
GUESS WHO (PG13) 3:00, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55
MISS CONGENIALITY 2 (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-998-4AMC

UPSIDE OF ANGER (R) 4:10, 7:15, 9:50
BEAUTY SHOP (PG13) 4:10, 7:40, 10:00
MISS CONGENIALITY 2 (PG13) 4:00, 7:00, 9:35
MELINDA AND MELINDA (PG13) 4:40, 7:25, 10:00
THE RING TWO (PG13) 4:30, 7:30, 9:55
ROBOTS (PG) 5:25, 7:35
THE PACIFIER (PG) 4:50, 7:20, 9:30
HITCH (PG13) 9:40 PM
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13) 4:05, 7:00, 9:45

COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6
Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.
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FEVER PITCH (PG13) 5:25, 7:45
SAHARA (PG13) 5:10, 8:05
SIN CITY (R) 5:10, 8:05
BEAUTY SHOP (PG13) 5:45, 8:05
GUESS WHO (PG13) 5:25, 7:55
GUESS WHO (PG13) [CC] [DV] 5:25, 7:55
THE PACIFIER (PG) 5:45, 8:05

COLUMBIA MALL 14
10300 Patuxent Parkway
410-423-0520

THE AMITYVILLE HORROR (R) ✓ 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
FEVER PITCH (PG13) ✓ 12:05, 2:35, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
SAHARA (PG13) ✓ 1:15, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00
SIN CITY (R) 1:30, 4:55, 7:50, 10:45
UPSIDE OF ANGER (R) 12:50, 4:35, 8:00, 10:40
BEAUTY SHOP (PG13) 12:20, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
BEAUTY SHOP (PG13) [CC] [DV] 12:20, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
GUESS WHO (PG13) 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10
MISS CONGENIALITY 2 (PG13) 12:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
ICE PRINCESS (G) 12:10, 2:30
THE RING TWO (PG13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:30, 10:00
HITCH (PG13) 12:30, 4:05, 7:35, 10:10
ROBOTS (PG) 12:05, 2:25, 4:40, 7:15, 9:30
THE PACIFIER (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
HITCH (PG13) 12:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13) 4:50, 7:45, 10:40
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13) [CC] [DV] 4:50, 7:45, 10:40

RIVERTOWNE 12
Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
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THE AMITYVILLE HORROR (R) 5:20, 7:30
STATE PROPERTY 2 (R) 5:20, 6:00, 7:40, 8:20
FEVER PITCH (PG13) 5:10, 7:40
SAHARA (PG13) 5:00, 7:50
SIN CITY (R) 5:00, 7:50
BEAUTY SHOP (PG13) 5:40, 8:10
GUESS WHO (PG13) 5:30, 8:20
THE RING TWO (PG13) 5:30, 8:00
ROBOTS (PG) 5:50, 8:10
THE PACIFIER (PG) 5:50, 8:30
HITCH (PG13) 5:10, 8:00

SPRINGFIELD MALL 10
Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

THE AMITYVILLE HORROR (R) ✓ 2:00, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45
STATE PROPERTY 2 (R) 5:10, 8:45
FEVER PITCH (PG13) 1:45, 4:45, 8:15
SAHARA (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 8:00
SIN CITY (R) 4:50, 8:00
BEAUTY SHOP (PG13) 5:20, 8:30
GUESS WHO (PG13) 5:00, 8:15
MISS CONGENIALITY 2 (PG13) 8:10
THE RING TWO (PG13) 4:40, 7:45
THE RING TWO (PG13) [CC] [DV] 4:40, 7:45
ROBOTS (PG) 2:15, 5:00
HITCH (PG13) 4:30, 7:30

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SAHARA (PG-13) (2:00 4:40) 7:20 10:00
FEVER PITCH (PG-13) (2:40 5:00) 7:30 9:45
SIN CITY (R) (1:40 4:20) 7:15 10:10
BEAUTY SHOP (PG-13) (1:50 4:30) 7:00 9:40
GUESS WHO (PG-13) (2:50 5:10) 7:50 10:15
MISS CONGENIALITY 2: ARMED AND FABULOUS (PG-13) (1:20 4:00) 6:40 9:10
THE RING TWO (PG-13) 7:50 10:10
ICE PRINCESS (G) (1:10 3:20 5:30)
ROBOTS (PG) (1:30 3:50) 6:20 8:50
THE PACIFIER (PG) (2:10 4:35) 6:50 9:00

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SAHARA (PG-13) (1:15 4:00) 6:50 9:30
FEVER PITCH (PG-13) (2:20 4:50) 7:10 9:45
THE UPSIDE OF ANGER (R) (2:00 4:40) 7:20 9:50
SIN CITY (R) (1:30 4:15) 7:00 9:40
GUESS WHO Rear Window Captioning (PG-13) (2:30 5:15) 7:40 10:00
MISS CONGENIALITY 2: ARMED AND FABULOUS (PG-13) 9:15 P.M.
MILLIONS (PG) (2:10 4:30) 6:40 9:00
ROBOTS (PG) (2:40 5:00) 7:05

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★ THE AMITYVILLE HORROR (R) (ON 2 SCREENS)
(12:30 1:30 2:40 3:30 4:50) 6:30 7:00 9:10 9:20
★ STATE PROPERTY 2 (R) (ON 2 SCREENS) (1:00 1:30 3:30 4:00) 6:05 6:30 8:30 9:00
SAHARA (PG-13) (12:50 3:50) 6:50 9:50
SIN CITY (R) (1:20 4:10) 7:10 10:00
BEAUTY SHOP (PG-13) (ON 3 SCREENS) (12:50 1:40 3:10 4:10 5:40) 6:25 6:50 8:20 9:30
GUESS WHO Rear Window Captioning (PG-13) (1:10 3:50) 6:40 10:10
MISS CONGENIALITY 2: ARMED AND FABULOUS (PG-13) (12:20) P.M.
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (3:10) 6:05 8:45
THE RING TWO (PG-13) (3:40) 9:55
ROBOTS (PG) (12:40 2:55 5:10) 7:20 9:40
HITCH (PG-13) (12:10) P.M.

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MELINDA AND MELINDA (PG-13) 7:20 9:50
OFF THE MAP (PG-13) 7:00 9:40
SCHULTZ GETS THE BLUES (PG) 7:15 9:45
BRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG-13) 7:10 9:55
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) 7:05 10:00

Cineplex Odeon UPTOWN
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SIN CITY (R) 7:00 10:00

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★ THE AMITYVILLE HORROR (R) (ON 2 SCREENS)
(1:10 2:25 3:50 4:45) 6:20 7:15 9:00 9:45

★ STATE PROPERTY 2 (R) (12:50 3:30) 6:20 9:00

SAHARA (PG-13) (ON 2 SCREENS) (12:40 1:15 3:30 4:05) 6:30 7:05 9:30 10:05

FEVER PITCH (PG-13) (ON 2 SCREENS) (2:55 5:25) 7:45 10:05

Rear Window Captioning (1:30 4:00) 6:30 9:10

THE UPSIDE OF ANGER (R) (1:00 4:10) 6:50 9:30

SIN CITY (R) (ON 2 SCREENS) (12:30 3:20) 6:20 9:20
(1:05 3:55) 6:55 9:55

BEAUTY SHOP (PG-13) (1:50 4:30) 7:10 10:00

GUESS WHO (PG-13) (2:35 5:05) 7:45 10:05

MISS CONGENIALITY 2: ARMED AND FABULOUS (PG-13)
(1:05 3:45) 6:35 9:25

THE RING TWO (PG-13) (2:00 4:50) 7:30 10:00

ICE PRINCESS (G) (1:40 4:20)

ROBOTS (PG) (1:20 3:40) 6:10 9:00

THE PACIFIER (PG) (12:50 3:10) 6:10 9:10

HITCH (PG-13) 7:00 9:50

MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:30 3:30) 6:40 9:40

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DUST TO GLORY (PG) (1:50 4:30) 7:00 10:00
THE UPSIDE OF ANGER (R) (1:30 4:00) 6:20 9:00
DOWNFALL (R) (1:00 3:50) 6:50 9:40
THE BALLAD OF JACK AND ROSE (R) (2:00 4:40) 7:20 9:50
MELINDA AND MELINDA (PG-13) (1:10 3:40) 6:30 9:10
MILLIONS (PG) (1:20 4:20) 6:40 9:20
SCHULTZ GETS THE BLUES (PG) (1:40 4:10) 7:10 9:30

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SAHARA (PG-13) (1:30 4:10) 6:50 9:30
THE UPSIDE OF ANGER (R) (2:10 4:35) 7:00 9:25
ROBOTS (PG) (3:00)
HITCH (PG-13) (1:40 4:20)
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (2:00)
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (2:00 5:20) 8:40

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★ THE AMITYVILLE HORROR (R) (1:50 3:50 5:50) 7:55 9:55
★ STATE PROPERTY 2 (R) (1:30 4:05) 6:45 9:00
SAHARA (PG-13) (2:10 4:50) 7:30 10:05
FEVER PITCH (PG-13) (1:10 3:40) 6:10 9:30
SIN CITY (R) (1:40 4:30) 7:10 9:50
BEAUTY SHOP (PG-13) (2:50 5:20) 7:45 10:00
GUESS WHO (PG-13) (2:40 5:00) 7:20 9:40
MISS CONGENIALITY 2: ARMED AND FABULOUS (PG-13) 9:20 P.M.
ROBOTS (PG) (2:00 4:20) 7:00
THE PACIFIER (PG) (1:00 3:25) 6:30 9:10

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(12:10 1:20 2:20 3:30 4:30 5:40) 6:40 7:50 8:50 10:00
SAHARA (PG-13) (1:30 4:10) 7:10 9:50
FEVER PITCH (PG-13) (ON 2 SCREENS) (12:20 5:20 5:30) 8:00
Rear Window Captioning (1:40 4:20) 7:00 9:40
THE UPSIDE OF ANGER (R) (1:00 3:40) 6:20 9:20
SIN CITY (R) (ON 2 SCREENS) (12:30 2:10 3:10 4:50) 6:30 7:40 9:30
BEAUTY SHOP (PG-13) (1:10 3:50) 10:00
DOWNFALL (R) (1:50 5:20) 8:30
GUESS WHO (PG-13) (12:00 2:30 5:00) 7:30 10:10
MISS CONGENIALITY 2: ARMED AND FABULOUS (PG-13) (12:50) 6:10
MILLIONS (PG) (12:40 3:00) 6:00 8:40
THE RING TWO (PG-13) 10:15 P.M.
HITCH (PG-13) (3:20) 9:00
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (2:00 5:10)

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SAHARA (PG-13) 6:20 9:15
THE UPSIDE OF ANGER (R) 6:10 9:00
SIN CITY (R) 6:30 9:20
GUESS WHO (PG-13) 7:00 9:30
ROBOTS (PG) 6:35 9:10

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OPEN CAPTIONED: THE RING 2 (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (440) 1000
AMITYVILLE HORROR (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1200) 1230 100
215 250 325 430 505 540 645 725 800 905 945 1025
FEVER PITCH (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1220 245 510) 740 1020
SAHARA (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (115 410) 705 950
SIN CITY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) DIG (140 435) 730 930 1015
UPSIDE OF ANGER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) DIG (130 425) 715 955
BEAUTY SHOP (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1205 230 500) 735 1010
GUESS WHO (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) DIG (125 405) 650 935
MISS CONGENIALITY 2 (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1240)
THE RING 2 (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1255) 720
ROBOTS (PG) DIG (Stadium) DIG (1215 225 445) 710
HITCH (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (110 400) 640 920
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) DIG (1210)

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AMITYVILLE HORROR (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 155 250 335 430 505
550) 705 740 820 920 1005
SAHARA (PG-13) DIG (110 245 405 540) 700 830 950
FEVER PITCH (PG-13) DIG (120 235 410 510) 710 745 945 1015
SIN CITY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 230 355 520) 655 815 955
GUESS WHO (PG-13) DIG (115 400) 650 935
OFF THE MAP (PG-13) DIG (205 445) 730 1000
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AMITYVILLE HORROR (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 1255 135 235 320
400 500 545) 645 725 825 910 955 1050
STATE PROPERTY 2 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1205 240 510) 740 1010
BEAUTY SHOP (PG-13) DIG (1240 140 345 445) 650 745 935 1035
SIN CITY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 330) 645 945
FEVER PITCH (PG-13) DIG (115 410) 710 950
SAHARA (PG-13) DIG (105 405) 705 1005
GUESS WHO (PG-13) DIG (1205 245 420 525) 700 805 940 1045
MISS CONGENIALITY 2 (PG-13) DIG (120)
ROBOTS (PG) DIG (1200 230 455) 730 1000
THE PACIFIER (PG) DIG (1220 250 520) 750 1025
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) DIG (125 425) 720 1020

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FEVER PITCH (PG-13) (120 405) 650 940
SAHARA (PG-13) (105 415) 715 1010
SIN CITY (R) - ID REQ'D (110 410) 705 1000
UPSIDE OF ANGER (R) - ID REQ'D (140 420) 730 1020
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (100 400) 700 1005
ROBOTS (PG) (125 355) 640
GUESS WHO (PG-13) (140 425) 720 955
BEAUTY SHOP (PG-13) (135 435) 710 950
THE RING 2 (PG-13) 930

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940 1015
STATE PROPERTY 2 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1155)
220 440 705 935
FEVER PITCH (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1130 200 430) 715
950
SAHARA (PG-13) (Stadium) DIG (1200 130 320 435) 700
740 1000 1030
SIN CITY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1150 1240 250
350) 620 730 915 1025
BEAUTY SHOP (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1215 1250 315
400) 640 710 920 955
GUESS WHO (PG-13) (Stadium) DIG (1230 310) 635 910
MISS CONGENIALITY 2 (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (110) 650
THE RING 2 (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (355) 925
HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1145 230 510)
755 1035
ROBOTS (PG) DIG (Stadium) (1135 150 420) 645 930
HITCH (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1210 330) 615 900

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130 200 240 340 410 450 550) 620 700 810 840 910
1020
STATE PROPERTY 2 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 310 530)
750 1010
FEVER PITCH (PG-13) DIG (1215 115 245 345 515) 615
745 845 1015
MILLIONS (PG) DIG (1240 350) 650 915
SAHARA (PG-13) DIG (1130 115 215 445 545) 730 830
1040
SIN CITY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1145 150 230 440 540)
740 840 1030
UPSIDE OF ANGER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 420) 715
1000
BEAUTY SHOP (PG-13) DIG (145 415) 655 930
GUESS WHO (PG-13) DIG (120 400) 710 945
MISS CONGENIALITY 2 (PG-13) DIG (1250 330) 640 920
ICE PRINCESS (G) DIG (1200 250) 610 900
THE RING 2 (PG-13) DIG (1150 220 500) 800 1045
HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 950
ROBOTS (PG) DIG (1155 210 430) 720 940
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330 400 430) 700 730 800 930 1000 1030
STATE PROPERTY 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (120 400) 810 1020
FEVER PITCH (PG-13) (1230 320) 650 950
SAHARA (PG-13) (1240 340) 700 1000
MILLIONS (PG) (1220 240 500) 720 950
SIN CITY (R) - ID REQ'D (100 410) 740 1040
BEAUTY SHOP (PG-13) (110 420) 750 1030
GUESS WHO (PG-13) (120 410) 740 1040
MISS CONGENIALITY 2 (PG-13) (110 420) 750 1010
THE RING 2 (PG-13) (110 420) 750 1020
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National Postal Museum: In the Line of Duty: Dangers, Disasters and Good Deeds. An exhibition dedicated to America's postal workers, through Oct 7. 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-633-1000.

Numark Gallery: Works by Dan Steinhaber, through May 28. 615 E St. NW; 202-628-3810.

Octagon Museum: Doodles, Drafts and Designs: Industrial Drawings From the Smithsonian Institution. Sketches, drawings and documents of domestic and industrial icons, through May 1. 1799 New York Ave. NW; 202-638-3105.

Phillips Collection: Modigliani: Beyond the Myth, through May 29. A survey of nearly 100 paintings, drawings and sculptures by the "quintessential bohemian." 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151.

Renwick Gallery: High Fiber. Fiber art from quilts to tapestries to baskets, through July 10. 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

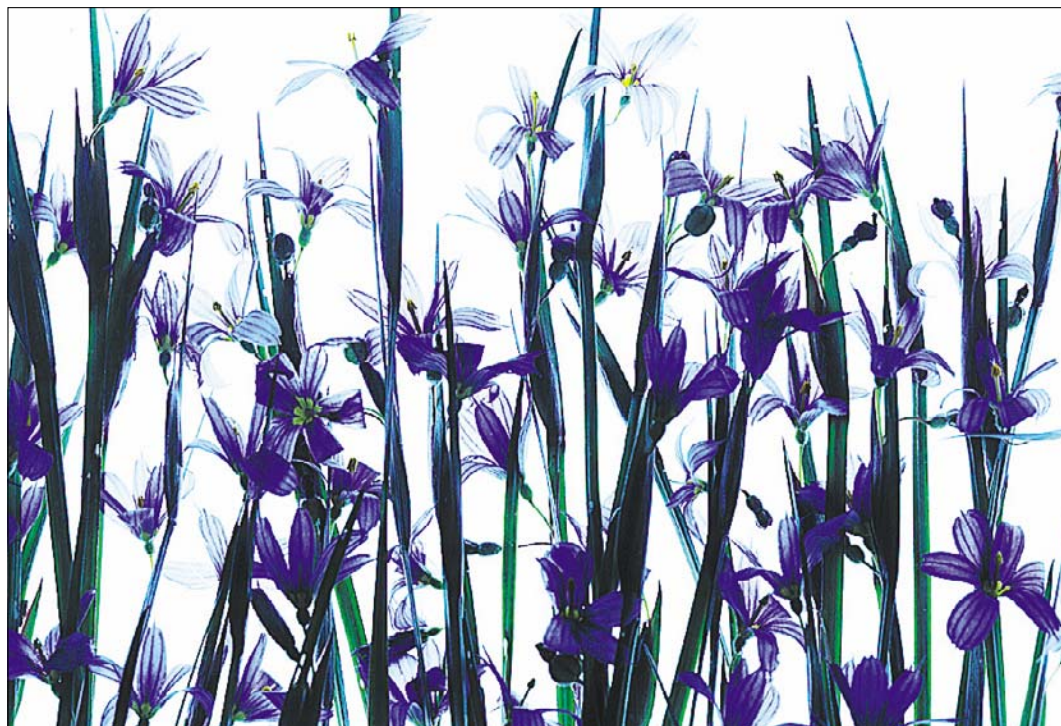
S. Dillon Ripley Center: Miracle Under the Waves: Undersea photography of coral reefs, through May 1. 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; 202-633-1000.

LAST CHANCE Target Gallery: Fertile Earth: Islamic Influence in Contemporary Ceramics, through April 24. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565.

Textile Museum: Textiles for This World and Beyond: Treasures from Insular Southeast Asia, through Sept. 18. Beyond the Bag: Textiles as Containers, demonstrating the beauty and utility of textile bags, through June 5. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.

U.S. Botanic Garden: Orchid Express. Up close with this exotic, elusive favorite,

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through May 1. Wollemi Pine. A live specimen of this ancient tree is inspiring botanists and conservationists, through May 28. 245 1st St. SW; 202-225-8333.

Utopia: "Details in Art," works by Jamal Sahri, April 24-June 19. 1418 U St. NW; 202-483-7669.

Washington Printmakers Gallery: Natural Selections, etchings and monotypes by Gabriel Jules, through May 1. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757.

STAGE

LAST CHANCE Afterplay: Characters from Anton Chekhov's plays meet in a Moscow café, through April 24, 8 p.m.

(Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), 7 p.m. (Sun.), \$25-\$48. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY American College Theater Festival: Includes performances of works by Daniel MacIvor, John Kuntz and others, through April 24, \$5-\$15. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

Big River, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn: Deaf West Theatre production of the award-winning musical (based on the Mark Twain classic) from Roger Miller, through June 4, \$25-\$48. Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; 202-347-4833.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Clancy Works: The local modern dance company per-

forms its signature work, "Back to the Wall," two new pieces, and more, April 23 at 8 p.m. and April 24 at 7 p.m., \$18. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; 202-269-1600.

The Clandestine Marriage: David Garrick and George Colman's 18th Century comedy, through May 22, \$25-\$48. Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 E. Capitol St. SE; 202-544-4600.

Comic Briefs Too: Fringe theater by Michael Green, through May 8, \$15. H Street Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE; 202-396-2125.

Curse of the Starving Class: Student production of Sam Shepard's trip into the dark side of the American dream, April 21-May 7, \$20. University of Maryland, Cla-

rice Smith Performing Arts Center, College Park; 301-405-2787.

Electra: Jennifer Mendenhall stars in Sophocles's Greek tragedy, April 21-May 29, \$32-\$38. Metro Stage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-9044.

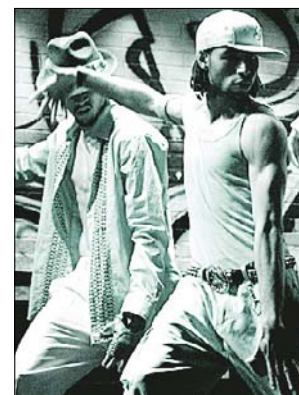
Life x 3: D.C. premiere of a comedy from Yasmina Reza, author of the Tony-winning "Art," through May 1, \$35. Round House, 4545 East-West Highway, Bethesda; 240-644-1099.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Love's Labour's Lost: 1960s version of the Shakespeare play, April 21-24, \$12. Catholic University of America, 620 Michigan Ave NE; 202-319-5600.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Masters of African American Choreography: Features performances by Rennie Harris Puremovement, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and others, through April 25, \$21-\$50. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

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The Piano Lesson: Award-winning drama about race and remembrance by August Wilson, through May 15, \$45-\$59. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-554-9066.

The Tempest: Directed by Kate Whoriskey, through May 22, \$23-\$68. Shakespeare Theatre, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122.

LAST CHANCE Ten Unknowns: An obscure artist living in Mexico finds success late in his career, through April 24, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. (Sun.), \$24-\$39. Signature Theatre, 3806 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 703-218-6500.

The Ugly Duckling: A puppet show of the classic Hans Christian Anderson tale, through May 28, 12 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$12. Classika Theatre, 4041 S. 28th St., Arlington; 703-824-0660.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Virginia

Opera: The company performs Goethe's "Faust," April 22 at 8 p.m. and April 24 at 2 p.m., \$44-\$84. George Mason University, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax; 703-218-6500.



John Carpenter: The Beginnings: The horror-meister's early work is explored

STAGE | COMEDY OF AGES



CAROL PRATT

TIMELESS THEMES: Secret marriages, bedroom antics and hidden pregnancies — sounds more contemporary than an 18th-century comedy. "Clandestine Marriage" is running at Folger Theatre through May 22.

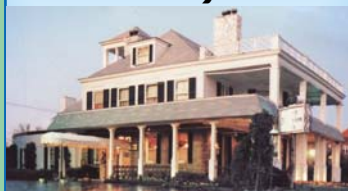
with a showing of "Halloween," starring scream-queen Jamie Lee Curtis, Fri., 7 p.m., free. Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, 101 Independence Ave. SE; 202-707-5677.

Jonathan Mahler: New York in 1977 was tumultuous — that summer brought both the murderous Son of Sam and a blackout. Jonathan Mahler discusses his book about that period, "Ladies and Gentlemen, The Bronx Is Burning," Thu., 7 p.m., free. Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-364-1919.

"Sango Malo" (The Village Teacher): Cameroon's Bassek ba Kobhio wrote and directed this 1991 film about a progressive teacher in a rural school, Sun., 2 p.m., free. Museum of African Art, 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600.

"Ping Pong": The Sackler and Freer Galleries present a wacky Japanese comedy about table-tennis whizzes in conjunction with their "Asian Games" show, Fri., 7 p.m., free with tickets. Freer Gallery of Art, Meyer Auditorium, Jefferson Drive and 12th Street SW; 202-633-4880.

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Food and baseball go together like, well, food and anything else all-American (apple pie, barbecue ... you get the picture.) Therefore, it's no surprise that while the Nationals' new home at RFK Stadium may lack such basic comforts as a second scoreboard or convenient Metro access, the concession stands are up, running and keeping scores of hungry baseball fans' bellies full of good ole' stadium fare.

Don't expect the quest for food to be quick and easy, though. On a stadium snack-hunt this past week, lines were incredibly long. The food and beverages are absurdly overpriced, which may cause multiple trips to RFK's ATMs (sorry, cash only). Which themselves had huge lines.

One thing RFK does right is the beer. Whereas most might come to a game expecting to pay \$6.50 for a plastic bottle of Miller Lite or Budweiser, a little exploring will unveil a stadium full of Guinness, Killian's, Harp, Blue Moon and other brews of distinction.

A Foggy Bottom Brewery serves up the eponymous local microbrew; with wood paneling and old-fashioned pictures, it's outfitted to look like a bar, but lacks stools and a full selection of booze. It's more like a bar at a wedding.

For those who enjoy a stiffer drink or something more urbane, RFK offers a handful of scattered stands with hard liquor and hoity-toity beers like Stella Artois. A gin and tonic was incredibly strong, but for \$7 most would settle for nothing less.



TWP

The lack of cup holders on the seats means patrons have to either hold their drinks the whole time or put them on the floor, where they risk contamination by errant peanut shells or all-out catastrophe via stray kicking feet.

Just because the beer at RFK is top-notch, the same cannot be said of the food, which follows the standard formula of pizza (undercooked but otherwise edible), hot dogs (satisfactory, but it's hard to mess up a hot dog), sausages (a nice kicky Italian and Chorizo, which is a little sweeter and doesn't come with peppers), chicken tenders and fries (a meager amount for \$8.50), and in-shell peanuts (prepackaged, with nary a salted bag in sight.)

Astronauts and lovers of rehydrated food will be thrilled by the easy availability of Dippin' Dots, those little novelty balls that always promise to be just as good as ice cream, but never quite live up to it. Perhaps



AP

RFK food and a Nationals game: It's officially a new American tradition.

the Dippin' Dots lobby got to the big-wigs at RFK first, because this reporter could find no ice cream. (Despite the occasional taunting ad on the scoreboard.)

Bottom line: Fill up before you come to the stadium (you can't take food or beverages in with you) and save yourself long lines, empty wallets and having to endure puneriffic names like United Tastes and Rockets Red Fare. And don't leave any room for Cracker Jacks — couldn't find those, either. JOSHUA DAVIDOVICH

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Tonight at **GORDON BIRSCH**, the Penn Quarter brewpub is unveiling a seasonal Maibock beer — it's strong, amber-colored and perfect for spring weather — with a charity blackjack tournament, raffles, door prizes and live jazz. Arrive around 6 p.m. and "buy" some chips with a donation to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

FRIDAY

The rooftop bar at the **HILTON EMBASSY ROW** may be Fritz's favorite in the city. The After Five Unwind happy hour there lasts from 6 to 10 p.m. Your Three Hosts (Y3H.org) and Euronet International (euronetinternational.com) are sponsoring a happy hour with free hors d'oeuvres and drink specials. Admission is \$10



QUITE CONTRARY: Mary Timony was famous for hardcore in Boston before becoming notorious for rock 'n' roll in D.C.; now she's going back to the garage.

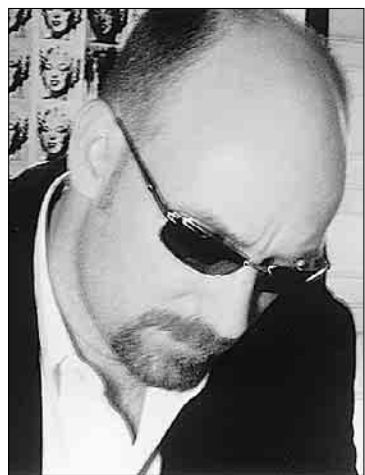
trees and hammocks. The cover's \$10 (free if you RSVP in advance to Friday@FiveDC.com) and there's no dress code.

SATURDAY

In the "do not miss" category is a rare appearance by Blowoff (DJs Bob Mould and Richard Morel) on the main stage of the **9:30 CLUB**. The last time they did a similar gig, it involved live instruments, on-the-spot remixes and the unveiling of several original compositions. Doors open after the Kenin show.

Another patio opens for the season: Latin-flavored restaurant and bar **VIDA** hosts a "Spring Fling" featuring DJs and drink specials. Cover is \$5 if you sign up at dchotspot.com.

THE BLACK CAT is going all-DJ for the second Saturday in a row. Upstairs, it's yet another installment of the Cryfest, which pits the music of the Cure back-to-back against the Smiths and Morrissey. In the back room, the monthly Bliss indie-rock-and-electro night features a guest turn by the ahead-of-his-time soul-garage icon Ian Svenonius, formerly of the Make Up and Nation of Ulysses, now fronting Weird War. Expect grooves to get white belts shakin'.



SPUN: The Richard Morel half of the DJ duo Blowoff gives a fuzzy gaze.

from either Web site.

Throwing caution and weather forecasts to the wind, **FIVE** is removing the tent from its island-theme rooftop this weekend. The split-level party features the always-outstanding Saeed Younan rocking the club's main level, while DJ Oso-Fresh spins reggae and hip-hop beats among the roof's palm

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